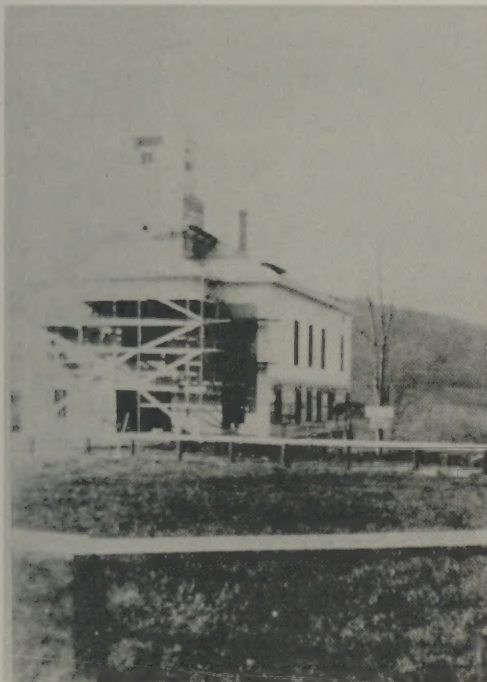


# **ANNUAL REPORTS OF WESTMORELAND, NH**

**Town Hall 1916**



**Town Hall 2016**

**Town Officers  
For the Year ending December 31, 2015**

**AND**

**School District Officers  
For the Year ending June 30, 2015**





# TOWN HALL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 8, 2016

CELEBRATE THE 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF THE WESTMORELAND TOWN HALL

## Report of Town Hall Centennial Committee - 2015-2016

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All townspeople are encouraged to put **October 8<sup>th</sup>** on their calendar and join in the fun.

## NOTES

### TOWN HALL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 8, 2016

CELEBRATE THE 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY OF THE WESTERN TOWN HALL

Report of Town Hall Centennial Committee - July 2016

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## **TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **SELECTMEN**

June Hammond, Russ Austin, Jack Zeller

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Jo Ann LaBarre

### **MODERATOR**

Robert W. Moore, Jr.

### **TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR**

Cindi H. Adler

### **TREASURER**

Jo Ann LaBarre

### **CUSTODIAN**

Reggie Goodnow

### **AUDITORS**

Nancy Zeller, Alison Fissette

### **ROAD AGENT**

Gary Hudson

### **FIRE CHIEF**

Harry Nelson

### **LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Jayne Burnett

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

William Chase, Director

Robert Hamilton, Deputy Director

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

David Wirth

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Larry Muchmore

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Lloyd Draper

### **OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Lloyd Draper

### **PERAMBULATION AGENT**

Jim Ranson

### **FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Ed Johnson

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Nancy Zeller, Elaine Moore, Sharon Riesenberg

### **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Patrick Baker, Tim Thompson, Bill Campbell

### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Robert Moore, Robert Davis, Jo Ann LaBarre



### **TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY**

Louise Slayton, Lynn Zimmerman, Kathy Cox, Jan Hurley, Donna Cary

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Susan Finnegan, Wesley Staples, Robert W. Moore, Jr., Jack Zeller, Mike Acerno

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Lauren Bressett, Bruce Smith, Jim Starkey, Dawn Lincoln,  
Steve Houle, Mark Hayward, Russ Austin      Alternate: Tim Thompson  
Clerk – Alison Fissette      David Hansel\*

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Peter Remy, Brian Merry, Nancy Ranson, Russ Huntley, Barry Shonbeck,  
Alternates – Bill Campbell, Ernie Perham      Clerk – Jackie Cleary

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Marshall Patmos, John Lukin, Richard Schmidt, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer,  
April Ferguson, Selena Galen      Alternate: Mary Bradley

### **JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Gary Hudson, Jo Ann LaBarre, David Poklemba

### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

Susan Harris, Jason Simino, David Bressett, Mark Hayward, Jr., Lisa Huckins

### **PARK HILL MEETING HOUSE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

John Harris, Hugh Shelley, Patti Seymour, Jan Hurley, Walter Carroll, Jan Carpenter

### **BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE**

Patrick Baker, Tim Thompson

### **WANTASKTIQUET REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE**

Westmoreland Members: Richard Schmidt, Donald Farquharson

### **CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMITTEE**

Westmoreland Member: Robert Harcke

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### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

*(Committees that are considered short-term and cease once their goal is met)*

#### **TOWN HALL COMMITTEE**

Richard Schmidt, Jan Carpenter

#### **RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Lori Schreier, Chelsea Olmstead, Laura Fontaine, Susan Wright\*

#### **MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE**

Bruce Smith, Carol Austin, Bill Campbell, Tom Finnegan, Richard Schmidt, John Lukin,

\* = resigned



# TOWN WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### THE POLLS WILL OPEN FROM 11:00AM TO 7:00PM

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMORELAND in the County of CHESHIRE in said State qualified to vote in town affairs:* You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Westmoreland on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 11:00am, to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.  
Article 2 To see if the voters will approve Ordinance changes as proposed by the Planning Board.

Following the counting of ballots, the annual meeting will take place at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Westmoreland School. The balance of the Articles will be acted on at that time.

- Article 3 To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative hereto.

- \*Article 4 *Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.* To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty five thousand dollars (\$185,000) for the purpose of purchasing a 6-wheel highway truck with an all-season body and plows, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$120,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; with the balance of \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this Article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this Article.  
*Two-thirds (2/3) ballot vote required.*

- Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,139,659 for general town operations. The Selectmen recommend this Article. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. *Majority vote required.*

- Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for the purpose of completing the repair and painting of the first floor ceilings and walls in the Town Hall. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do a feasibility study(s) on the needs and future plans of the Fire Department's physical plant (station). Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*

- \*Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty four thousand six hundred and eighty dollars (\$64,680) for the purpose of purchasing hose, nozzles and equipment for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of sixty one thousand four hundred forty six dollars (\$61,446) from FEMA. The remaining cost of three thousand two hundred thirty four dollars (\$3,234) represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed or by 12/31/2021, whichever is sooner. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*



- \*Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of purchasing a defibrillator for the Fire & Rescue Department. The cost of the project will be partially funded by a grant of thirty eight thousand (\$38,000) from FEMA. The remaining cost of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) represents the town share and will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed or by 12/31/2021, whichever is sooner. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 10 To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income from the Jotham Lord Fund. This money (\$74) is included in the proposed operating budget. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the 2002 Int'l used by the Highway Department. This article is contingent on the passing of Article 4 and any proceeds received from this sale will go into the Town's general fund. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to adopt and modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 for an optional veteran's tax credit. The optional veteran's tax credit will be \$150 rather than the previously adopted veteran's credit of \$100. The credit's change in amount shall take effect on April 1 in the year following adoption. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to authorize indefinitely, until rescinded, the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to five (5) years without further vote or retribution of the town as provided in RSA 41:11-a. *Majority vote required.*
- Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to authorize indefinitely, until rescinded, the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees as provided in RSA 41:9-a. *Majority vote required.*
- \*\*Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to have the upstairs of the Town Hall become the Town's Historical Museum for the Park Hill Meeting House and Historical Society.
- Article 16 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

Board of Selectmen

*June Hammond, Chairman*  
*Russ Austin*  
*Jack Zeller*

\*Special Article per RSA 32:3, VI

\*\*Petitioned Article per RSA 39:3



## 2016 BUDGET - EXPENSES

		Budget 2015	Actuals 2015	Selectmen Budget 2016	Budget Comm Budget 2016
<b>01E · GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
4130	Executive	69,595	69,046	72,230	72,230
4140	Election & Registration	27,770	28,468	31,307	31,307
4150	Financial Administration	39,646	38,809	38,479	38,479
4153	Legal	5,000	10,337	5,000	5,000
4155	Personnel Administration	111,300	109,682	95,156	95,156
4191	Planning & Zoning	3,852	3,003	4,218	4,218
4194	General Gov't Building	19,604	18,620	13,442	13,442
4195	Cemeteries	12,000	11,764	13,000	13,000
4196	Insurance not Allocated	12,905	12,462	12,909	12,909
<b>02E · PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
4210	Police	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
4215	Ambulance	35,408	35,407	51,613	51,613
4220	Fire & Rescue	33,495	33,334	33,275	33,275
4240	Building Inspection	2,000	1,215	1,500	1,500
4290	Emergency Management	2,250	1,936	2,400	2,400
4299	Mutual Aid	20,245	20,245	21,460	21,460
<b>03E · HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>					
4311	Highway Administration	136,500	136,860	141,000	141,000
4312	Highways & Streets	445,648	445,626	455,922	455,922
4316	Street Lighting	3,800	3,313	3,500	3,500
<b>04E · SANITATION</b>					
4324	Solid Waste & Recycling	93,435	87,921	92,425	92,425
<b>06E · HEALTH</b>					
4411	Health Officer	240	200	240	240
4414	Animal Control	200	40	200	200
4415	Agencies & Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>07E · WELFARE</b>					
4441	Welfare Officer	240	200	240	240
4442	Direct Assistance	5,000	1,193	4,760	4,760
<b>08E · CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
4520	Parks & Recreation	2,000	1,575	1,500	1,500
4550	Library	34,000	33,771	34,990	34,990
4583	Patriotic Purposes	300	478	250	250
<b>09E · CONSERVATION</b>					
4611	Commission	642	386	642	642
4619	Conservation Fund - LUCT	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
<b>12E · DEBT SERVICE</b>					
4711	Principal - Highway Truck	23,250	23,250	0	0
4721	Long-Term Interest	407	354	0	0
4723	Tan Interest	1	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>		<b>\$1,148,733</b>	<b>\$1,134,495</b>	<b>\$1,139,659</b>	<b>\$1,139,659</b>



	Budget 2015	Actuals 2015	Selectmen Budget 2016	Budget Comm Budget 2016
<b>13E · CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
<b>4902 - MACHINERY, VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT</b>				
Highway Truck	0	0	185,000	0
<b>4903 - BUILDINGS</b>				
Post Office Entryway	3,200	3,200	0	0
Library Roof	25,000	20,058	0	0
Town Hall paint/wall/ceiling repair	0	0	17,000	17,000
<b>4909 - OTHER IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
Tennis Court Resurfacing	4,837	4,837	0	0
Recycling Center Compactor	14,000	13,283	0	0
Fire Dept - Defibrillator	0	0	40,000	40,000
Fire Dept - Equipment	0	0	64,680	64,680
Fire Station - Feasibility Study	0	0	8,000	8,000
<b>14E · INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT</b>				
<b>4915 · TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE</b>				
Highway Equipment	25,000	25,000	0	0
Fire Equipment	25,000	25,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>\$97,037</b>	<b>\$91,378</b>	<b>\$314,680</b>	<b>\$129,680</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,245,770</b>	<b>\$1,225,873</b>	<b>\$1,454,339</b>	<b>\$1,269,339</b>
<b>LESS AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED REV</b>	<b>\$568,277</b>		<b>\$788,809</b>	<b>\$628,809</b>
<b>AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>\$677,493</b>		<b>\$665,530</b>	<b>\$640,530</b>
(Exclusive of School & County Taxes)				

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
<b>Property Tax Increase/Decrease from 2015 Budget</b>	- \$11,963 -1.77%	- \$36,963 -5.46%
<b>Tax Rate Increase/Decrease</b>	-\$0.07	-\$0.21
<b>Tax Impact on \$200,000 home</b>	-\$14.00	-\$42.00

Estimated Tax Impact for additions/deletions to the budget

(Local Assessed Valuation: \$175,001,849)

\$1,750.00	\$0.01
\$17,500.00	\$0.10
\$174,557.00	\$1.00

## 2016 BUDGET - REVENUE

		Anticipated Revenues 2015	Actual Revenues 2015	Selectmen's Anticipated Revenues 2016	Budget Comm Anticipated Revenues 2016
	<b>TAXES</b>				
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General	0	0	2,000	2,000
3121	Land Use Change Tax - Conserv	0	0	2,000	2,000
3185	Yield Taxes	23,000	22,018	20,000	20,000
3187	Excavation Tax	981	981	1,000	1,000
3190	Interest & Penalties-Taxes	12,500	10,309	10,500	10,500
	<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	725	865	775	775
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	287,150	306,702	302,350	302,350
3230	Building Permits	1,000	1,215	1,500	1,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	11,235	13,598	12,900	12,900
	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
3319	F/R - Defibrillator	0	0	61,446	61,446
3319	F/R - Equipment	0	0	38,000	38,000
	<b>FROM STATE</b>				
3352	Rooms & Meals	83,579	83,579	80,000	80,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	76,692	77,354	75,000	75,000
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement	9	9	10	10
	<b>FROM OTHER GOVT'S</b>				
3379	Forest Fire Reimbursement	600	654	500	500
	<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
3401	Income from Departments	4,969	5,105	3,750	3,750
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>				
3502	Interest	1,600	1,647	1,500	1,500
3503	Rent of Property	5,800	5,940	5,850	5,850
3506	Insurance Dividends	9,831	9,831	6,609	6,609
3509	Other				
	Library Contribution - Roof	8,029	8,029	0	0
	Misc	408	407	325	325
	<b>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</b>				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds:				
	Library Roof	4,000	4,000	0	0
	Highway Equipment	0	0	40,000	0
3916	Trust Funds	1,169	1,168	2,794	2,794
	<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
3934	Proceeds from Long-term notes	0	0	120,000	0
3939	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	35,000	35,000	0	0
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>	<b>\$568,277</b>	<b>\$588,410</b>	<b>\$788,809</b>	<b>\$628,809</b>



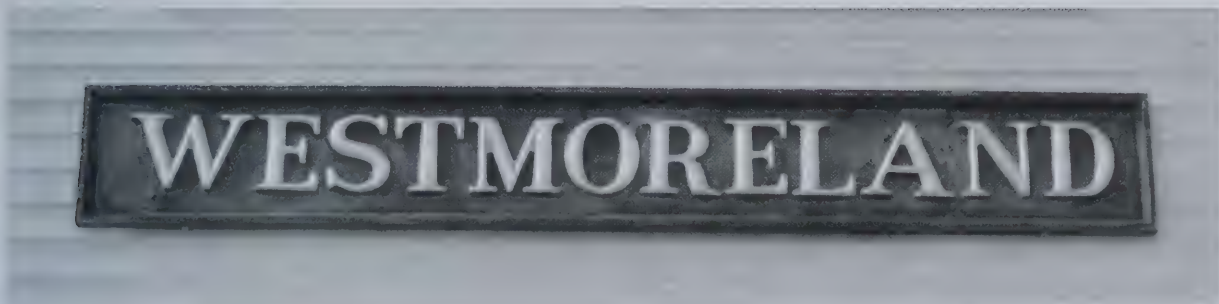
## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Replacement of the South Village Road Bridge occurred in 2015 and was a project that tested the patience of everyone in town. In April, we received a letter of Critical Bridge Deficiency from the NH Department of Transportation requiring that the bridge be closed. As closing the bridge meant closing South Village Road, work immediately began towards a plan to have the bridge replaced while causing the least disruption for all those who used the road. Because we had a good working relationship with Eckman Engineering of Portsmouth and with Cold River Bridge in Walpole, we were able to apply for required wetland permits from the State and develop a plan for the bridge replacement in a timely manner. The other issue to be addressed was how the bridge would be funded. The total cost of the engineering and bridge was \$132,955. There was \$71,400 available in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. Towns are able to maintain a surplus account for emergencies and after asking permission from the NH Department of Revenue for permission to use those funds, we were able to pay the balance (\$61,555) without having a Special Town Meeting to raise the money. We want to thank everyone for their understanding and support during the replacement of the bridge.

Makinen Bridge was replaced in the fall, saving tax dollars with the work being done entirely by our road crew. The library had a new roof installed, a new compactor was purchased for the Recycling Center, the Post Office got a new entryway and a heating system was installed in the town garage.

Chief Harry Nelson was commended for his work in applying for and receiving two grants in 2015 that were a great benefit to the Fire Department and to the town. A \$50,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant purchased new turn-out gear for the firefighters and a \$77,400 grant from the Timken Foundation allowed for the replacement of our 20-year old breathing apparatus (SCBA) airpicks. Chief Nelson is looking into additional grants in 2016.

We hope you have noticed the beautiful new "Westmoreland" sign on the Town Hall. The sign was generously donated by Dottie Smith. It was used on the store once owned by Dottie and her husband Jeff on Route 12. Billy Smith donated his time to put the sign up.



If you would like to post something on the town's website 'Community Page', be added to a contact list to receive pertinent notices by email or if there is something you would like to see on our web site, please send an e-mail to [townofwestmoreland@myfairpoint.net](mailto:townofwestmoreland@myfairpoint.net)

[www.westmorelandnh.com](http://www.westmorelandnh.com)

TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10 & MARCH 11, 2015

The Annual Town Meeting (Elections) was called to order by Robert W. Moore, Jr., Moderator, on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 11:00 am with the readings of Article One and stating that we are also voting on Article 2 - the Ordinance Changes of the Town Warrant and declaring the polls open. The remaining Articles are to be considered on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Westmoreland School during the Annual Town Meeting after a recess. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 by Robert W. Moore, Jr., Moderator.

Moderator Robert W. Moore, Jr. called the Westmoreland Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Westmoreland School on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, requesting that all Veterans present to stand ( 9 did) and to lead us in Pledge of Allegiance, which they proudly did. He then began the meeting by declaring the winners in the ballot votes of Articles One and Two marked by \* below), stating that all of the Ordinance Changes passed:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

The results of balloting were as follows (Total ballots cast were 343 of the registered 1255 voters = 28%.):

For one year	MODERATOR	
	Robert W. Moore, Jr.	209*
	Bruce Smith	3
	Tom Hanna	3
	Misc.	1
For three years	SELECTBOARD MEMBER	
	Ernest Perham	51
	Jack Zeller	165*
	Misc.	2
For one year	TOWN CLERK	
	Cindi H. Adler	198*
	Misc.	6
For one year	TREASURER	
	Jo Ann LaBarre	211*
	Misc.	4
For three years	BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER	
	Susan Finnegan	198*
	Misc.	2
For three years	TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS MEMBER	
	Patrick Baker	163*
	Bill Campbell	5
	April Ferguson	3
	Misc.	5



For two years	TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS MEMBER	
	Bob Moore	3
	Bill Campbell	3
	Misc.	17
For one year	TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS MEMBER	
	Timothy Thompson	200*
	Misc.	1
For one year	OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE	
	Lloyd Draper	111*
	Scott Alan Fifield	96
	Misc.	1
For three years	CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEMBER	
	Scott Alan Fifield	60
	Robert W. Moore, Jr.	159*
For two years	AUDITOR	
	Alison Fissette	199*
	Misc.	6
For one Year	AUDITOR	
	Nancy Zeller	204*
	Misc.	6
For one year	TAX COLLECTOR	
	Cindi H. Adler	198*
	Misc.	4
For one year (2)	BRIGGS FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
	Patrick Baker	150*
	Timothy Thompson	193*
	Bill Campbell	8
	Misc.	6
For three years (2)	TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY MEMBER	
	Donna Cary	173*
	Janet Hurley	198*
	Misc.	4

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the voters will approve Ordinance changes proposed by the Planning Board.

All Article Two Ordinance Amendments Pass with Majority Votes as listed below:

## WESTMORELAND ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Explanation: Matter added to current ordinance appears in ***bold italics***.

~~Matter removed from current ordinance appears as a strikethrough.)~~

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
(Explanation: Some sections of the existing definitions were better suited to the general ordinances — See Section 403 below in Amendment No. 2)

### Section 104 Terms

Home ***Based Occupation: Occupational activity, generating no external evidence, which is carried on only by the residents of the premises, is clearly secondary to the use of the premises for dwelling purposes and uses a minor portion of the principal or accessory structure(s).***

Home Business: ***Business activity which is carried on by the residents of the premises and not more than two additional on-premise employees, is clearly secondary to the use of the premises for dwelling purposes and uses a minor portion of the principal or accessory structure(s).***

***Premises: A house or building with its land and outbuildings.***

YES 167 NO 41

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

~~Section 403 Protection of Home Occupations No regulations herein is intended to infringe upon the right of any residents to use a minor portion of a dwelling for an occupation which is customary in residential areas and which does not change the character thereof. Any home occupation permit shall be subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator.~~

### SECTION 403 ***Home Based Occupation and Home Business***

***Shall both be considered an accessory use as long as such activity does not have a detrimental effect on the residential character of the neighborhood, is clearly secondary to the use of the premises for dwelling purposes, and does not cause obnoxious or excessive noise, smoke, odor, or other objectionable conditions that are detectable at the boundary of the property.***

#### ***SECTION 403.1 Home Based Occupation***

***Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent a resident from using a minor portion of the principal or accessory structure(s) for a Home Based Occupation. A Home Based Occupation shall:***

- a. Be carried on only by residents of the premises.***
- b. Involve only a service provided or a product produced by those residents on the premises.***
- c. Be operated entirely within a minor portion of a principal or accessory structure.***
- d. Result in no external evidence of the occupational activity, including no signage.***
- e. Be considered a residential use.***



## SECTION 403.2 Home Business

**Business activity exceeding the standards of a Home Based Occupation shall obtain a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A Home Business shall:**

- f. Be carried on by residents of the premises and not more than two additional on-premise employees.**
- g. Be operated within a principal or accessory structure and not have external storage of supplies and equipment visible from any adjacent highway or dwelling unit.**
- h. Provide off-street parking. If parking in addition to two business owned vehicles, two employee vehicles, and the first two customer vehicles is necessary, it shall be located in side or rear yards.**

YES 160 NO 49

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3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

### Section 428 Off-Street Parking

For every building hereafter erected, altered, extended, or changed in use, there shall be provided year-round off-street parking spaces at least as set forth below, **unless a Special Exception is granted.**

YES 149 No 58

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4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

### Section 441 ~~Extraction of Soil, Sand or Gravel~~ **Extraction of Earth Materials**

YES 160 NO 45

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5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed changes to Tables by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Tables 503 and 505: Add "**Home Business**" under 'Allowed by Special Exception'.

Table 502: Strike "All Uses by Special Exception" and replace with "Uses", like other tables, with column on left for "Permitted Uses" and right for "Allowed by Special Exception". Move #26 "1. Single Family Residence and 2. Home Based Occupation" to "Permitted Uses". All other uses to be under "Allowed by Special Exception".

Table 502/503/504/505/506—replace "Single Family Residence" with "One-family Dwelling"

Table 504/506 — replace "Two Family Residence" with "Two-family Dwelling"

Table 506 — replace "Multi-family Housing" with "Multi-family Dwelling"

Table 503 Permitted Uses #6: Home **Based** Occupation

Table 504 Permitted Uses #5: Home **Based** Occupation

Table 505 Permitted Uses #4: Home **Based** Occupation

Table 506 Permitted Uses #5: Home **Based** Occupation

YES 161 NO 44

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Agents and Auditors and take any action relative thereto.

Article moved by Donald Hall and seconded by Marius Hauri. No Discussion.

ARTICLE 3 WAS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,148,733 for general town operations. The Selectmen recommend this article. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed below. Majority vote required.

Motion made by Wesley Staples to pass the Budget Committee Operating Budget of \$1,148,733. Seconded by Perry Sawyer.

ARTICLE 4 - BUDGET COMMITTEE BUDGET of \$1,148,733 for General Town Operations –  
VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

\*ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to replace the roof at the Westmoreland Public Library and to authorize the withdrawal of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The cost of the project will also be partially funded by a donation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Library. The remaining cost of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) will be raised by taxation. Majority vote required. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend this Article.

Motion to move by June Hammond and seconded by Jack Zeller. Katherine Cox spoke to the Article stating that the roof is failing badly and needs immediate repair. The tax burden for the the Town is only \$11,000 of the amount needed. She also stated, when asked, that they would be starting hopefully this summer. Terry Cox spoke to the Article stating that the roof was brand new in 2001. Asphalt has a life of 15-20 years maximum where the Standing seam has a life span of 40-50 years, so it was felt that the standing seam would be a better choice. When asked if the age and architectural aspect of the building had been taken into consideration as to the keeping of the historic lines when considering the type of roof, it was said the quality of material was more important in the decision. Stuart West asked what Ted Ferguson's quote to roof it was and was told Ted's estimate was \$24,000.

ARTICLE 5 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Library Roof Capital Reserve Fund created in 2014. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the town's general fund. Majority vote required. (If Article 5 fails, Article 6 will be skipped over.)

Article 6 moved by Jeanette Hubert and seconded by Bruce Clement. Russ Austin spoke to the Article stating that this was put in last year and this will be depleted when the the roof is done this year.

ARTICLE 6 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

\*ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion moved by Jack Zeller and seconded by Bill Franzen. Jack spoke to the Article since the Road Agent was not present, stating that the Town will need a new truck or backhoe in the foreseen future ant so instead of having to pay all at one, this is to put more aside to offset the cost when the next item is needed.

ARTICLE 7 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.



ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate no more than fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to purchase a new compactor for the Westmoreland Recycling Center. Majority vote required. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion moved by Marius Hauri and Seconded by David Malia Boaz. June Hammond spoke to the Article stating that she hopes this passes. She stated that it was a long time coming and all who use is, need it. "They limped along this year and you need to put our money where your mouth is." Ron Fish spoke to the Article stating that he would like to personally thank everyone who donated both money and time to the building of the new shed at the Transfer Station. He stated that in regard to the compactor, the man for Triple T stated that the metal and all could be redone and for a cost of \$4,000 and it would probably last another 3-4 years. We really need to redo all new so it will last another 30 years or better. Whatever the Town feels they can do to fix things up will be appreciated to help the ones who work there and use the Center. He also wished to thank Bruce Clement personally for his help on the shed...his name was left off the list which was submitted as helping with the new shed. Mark Edgington asked what was to be done with the old compactor and Ron answered that Triple T would take it in trade. Nancy Zeller asked how long the old one had lasted and Ron stated that 20 years while Earl Kathan had operated the Center, and then it was Hooper before that so 25-30 years probably.

ARTICLE 8 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

\*ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion moved by Ellen Clement and seconded by Jack Zeller. Discussion ensued as to how much was in the account now. Jack stated there is \$16,000 in the fund now. Grants have been put in totaling \$100,000. Graham Gitchell made motion to amend the Article from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to be raised and placed in the Fund. Dawn Lincoln seconded the motion to amend. Graham said it didn't make sense at \$5,000 when Fire Equipment costs are so expensive. He went on to ask the Town do something that makes a difference. Malia Boaz asked how the roof was on the Fire House Building. Graham stated that it was replaced 2 years ago, so it should have another 10 plus years for that. Bill Franzen asked if we can increase this Article by this amount and Moderator, Bob Moore stated yes, as long as it is not more than 10% of the general budget. Russ Austin spoke to the residents in attendance stating that as the budget with Articles at the present before adding any increases, the Selectmen and Budget Committee could not have come any closer to level funding than this is, but if the Town votes this amendment in, there will be an increase in our taxes this year.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY HAND VOTE YES 54, NO 21.

Stuart West asked what the actual dollar amount limit is as 10% of the Total Budget. Moderator Bob Moore stated that it would be \$125,000. Tim Thompson asked what does this Amendment do to our taxes and how much apparatus does the Fire Department have at present. Russ Austin stated that JoAnn put it at the bottom of Page 8 in the Annual Report...it would increase out taxes 10-11 cents. Graham Gitchell gave a quick update of the Fire Equipment we now have, stating that the Fire Department has 6 apparatus now stating the conditions and usage stating that the Rescue gets the most use with about 75%. This is the one of greatest concern and will need to be replaced in the next 2-4 years. Mark Edgington wanted to know how Russ comes up with an increase of 10-11 cents increase in our taxes when he came up with an increase of \$42.00 on his property? He was informed that it is 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

AMENDED ARTICLE 9 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of no more than four thousand eight hundred thirty seven dollars (\$4,837) to resurface the Glebe Road tennis court. Majority vote required. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion moved by Ellen Clement and seconded by Deb Stavseth. Discussion ensued stating that this was last done 10 years ago. This does not include the fencing. Mark Hayward, Jr. Stated that this figure includes the pavement and the painting of the lines. Elaine Moore asked how many people even use the court. Tina Fletcher stated that every time she goes by in good weather, someone is using it.

ARTICLE 10 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of no more than three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200) to repair the Westmoreland Post Office entryway. Majority vote required. Both the Select Board and Budget Committee recommend this Article.

Motion moved by Marius Hauri and seconded by Perry Sawyer. June Hammond spoke to the Article stating that the Post Office entryway is decaying and the cement is crumbling and that it is "hazardous to us old people, and the young ones too. There is a Towns person who will fix this entryway and these are the figures needed to put a step-up. You'll be lucky if you don't have to put a cast on your foot from it the way it is now." Jeanette Hubert asked if it is just the cement within the entry posts which is just the area desalinated by the post and gable roof? Russ Austin said this was initiated by the Postmaster prior to Wendy and the Selectmen were sent a detailed multi-guage that they have to go by. The Selectmen only got one quote for this, and those are the figures here. Malia Boaz stated that we need to do this. Beth Franzen stated that if it is a step-up, wheel chairs accessibility is in question. Russ said June misspoke about the step-up that is it a threshold and will not be an issue for the wheelchairs. The Post Office has been at this location for 30 years and people want it to stay in the village. We do receive an income from the Post Office of rent of \$5,000 per year.

ARTICLE 11 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 12: To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income from the Jotham Lord Fund. This money (\$42.00) is included in the proposed operating budget. Majority vote required.

Motion was moved by Bruce Clement to give the funds to the Town Library which was seconded by Ellen Clement. Moderator Bob Moore stated that probably 47 of the past 50 years, the Fund has gone to the Public Library. Malia Boaz stated that they could use it toward the roof.

ARTICLE 12 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Financial Audit Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012. Majority vote required.

Motion to move by Russ Austin and seconded by Elaine Moore. Jack Zeller spoke to the Article stating that it is the Selectmen's job to have all of the Town books audited every few years. Only a partial was completed a few years ago when we were to do all and we need to do a few each year to complete that audit and keep updated by having a few audited each year. Russ Austin stated that once the Capital Reserve is set up, the only way to get the money out of it is at Town Meeting or to give the Selectmen authority to decide when to pull the funds. Mark Edgington asked how long this authorization will hold for. Selena Gallen asked if we could set a ten year limit on this authorization. Ernie Perham reaffirmed that these funds are to only be used for auditing. Mark Edgington proposed to amend the article to add to the Article, "with a 10-year Sunset Clause" so that we can see how our Selectmen are doing with this and then open it if all is going well. Selena Gallen seconded the amendment.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE 13 IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY VOICE VOTE



\*\*ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote that the People of Westmoreland, New Hampshire stand with the Move to Amend campaign and communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Be it further resolved, that the People of Westmoreland, New Hampshire hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

Motion was moved by Marius Hauri and seconded by Terry Cox. Medora Hebert presented this and spoke to it opening up discussion on the Article, stating that this is about campaign finance reform and is very important. Selena Gallen asked if this is part of something that other towns are doing. Gary Dermott spoke to the Article, stating that Town Meetings are not a venue to get arguments out. Town Business is what Town Meeting is for. June Decker spoke also stated that it was inappropriate to vote on the Article at a Town Meeting. Jim Clark rebutted stating this is a great place to do it. Bruce Clement made motion to move questioning, which was seconded by Elaine Moore.

ARTICLE 14 VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY HAND COUNT YES 55, NO 32

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator, Robert Moore, Jr. read a letter from the Westmoreland Town Band, Carlson Barrett, Conductor as follows:

"To The Inhabitants of the Town of Westmoreland,

It is my pleasure and honor to inform you that the Westmoreland Town Band has been selected and invited by the Mayor of Washington D.C. And Music Celebrations to represent our Town and State of New Hampshire, in concert, for the 2016 National Festival of the States in Washington, D.C. The WTB will be performing 3 concerts in Washington, D.C. July 11 - 14, 2016. We are all very excited. More details will be forthcoming.

Musically,

Carlson Barrett, Conductor

Westmoreland Town Band

A round of Applause was given as response to this letter/news.

Nancy spoke to the Town informing that it has been 3 years since the last Old Home Day and they are all ready to go again, asking all to mark calendars for August 14, 15, and 16, 2015 for the Event(s). Friday night there will be a dinner and the "Westmoreland's Got Talent" show that evening at the School. Friday there will be a Parade for Kids (not the big floats, just the children), the Married vs. Singles Ball game, activities and crafts and things sold at the school, another dinner that evening, and Jason the Magician that evening. There will be self and guided tours going on as well. We will have our first organizational meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 and encourage all organizations and/or persons who would like to be involved to come. It will be at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Russ Austin wanted the Town to take note of the newly painted walls in the Town Hall in the hallway as well as the the large room, and noted that Madeline Ullrich made the curtains for the large room as well. Also the new shed at the recycling center that cost \$4,892.00 of which \$1,871.50 plus all the labor was donations of our Townspeople.

Moderator Robert W. Moore, Jr. stated that the reason all the people up front have a bottle of water is so they can take a drink while thinking of an answer the the question before them. It gives them more time if they take a swallow of water before answering. He then thanked everyone for coming. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm by motion from Marius Hauri and second by Donald Hall, followed by Voice vote to the affirmative.

Unapproved Minutes. To be approved at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi H. Adler, Westmoreland Town Clerk

# FINANCIAL REPORT - BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

## **Assets**

Cash in Hand of Treasurer		\$1,268,460.89
Cash Conservation Fund		66,278.04
Cash Capital Reserve Funds		168,350.61
Unredeemed Taxes:	Levy of 2014	24,339.31
	Prior	12,787.18
Uncollected Taxes:	Property Taxes - 2015	178,178.00
Tax Deferral - Elderly/Disabled		12,311.19
Tax Deeded Property - for resale		16,031.26
Less Allowance for Refunds & Abatements		(5,290.80)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$1,741,445.68</b>

## **Liabilities & Fund Equity**

### Liabilities:

School Tax payable		\$1,221,444.00
Payroll Liabilities:	Health/Dental - Employee	267.68
Special Revenue Fund	Conservation Fund	66,278.04
Reserved Account	Highway Garage Furnace/Fuel	14,440.42
Capital Reserve Funds:	Bridge Reconstruction (2002)	875.56
	Fire Equipment (1982)	41,140.65
	Highway Equipment (1982)	40,468.91
	Municipal Land Purchase (2006)	74,977.36
	Town Hall Clock (2009)	3,081.13
	Financial Audit (2012)	7,125.93
	Recreation (1975)	681.07
	Total Capital Reserve Funds:	168,350.61
Bonds Payable:	Timber Tax	3,571.73
Other Payables:	Cultural Arts Donaiton	1,987.42
	Town Common Post Damage	1,030.00
	Total Other Payables:	3,017.42

## **FUND EQUITY**

Reserve for Tax Deeded Property		16,031.26
Unassigned Fund Balance: 2015	43,400.15	
Unassigned Fund Balance: Prior	204,644.37	
Total Fund Equity:		248,044.52

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITIES</b>	<b>\$1,741,445.68</b>
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## INVENTORY VALUATION

Residential Land	46,666,100
Residential Building	109,450,100
Current Use Land	1,731,549
Commercial Land	5,781,500
Commercial Buildings	8,812,300
Manufactured Buildings	476,200
Public Utilities	2,234,100
NET VALUE PRIOR TO EMEMPTIONS	175,151,849
Exemptions to Value	150,000
NET VALUATION FOR COMPUTATION ON TAX RATE	\$175,001,849

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Fire Department – Land and Buildings U7-16	609,200
Town Hall – Furniture and Equipment	251,000
Library - Land and Buildings U6-7	319,100
Library - Contents	145,000
Police Department Equipment	3,000
Fire Department – Contents	126,000
Highway Department – Land and Building R7-51	193,600
Highway Department – Contents	135,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds U2-8, U3-8, U3-9, U3-30	140,700
School – Land and Buildings	2,072,800
Historical Land and Buildings (Corner Schoolhouse) U7-2	148,700
Recycling Center – Land and Buildings R14-22	120,500
Misc. Land and Buildings (11 properties)	305,600
Cemeteries (9)	
TOTAL	\$4,570,200

## APPROPRIATIONS, TAXES ASSESSED & TAX RATE

Executive		\$69,595
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		27,770
Financial Administration		39,646
Legal Expense		5,000
Personnel Administration		111,300
Planning & Zoning		3,852
General Government Building		19,604
Cemeteries		12,000
Insurance		12,905
Police		1,000
Ambulance		35,408
Fire & Rescue		33,495
Building Inspector		2,000
Emergency Management		2,250
Mutual Aid		20,245
Highways & Streets - Admin		136,500
Highways & Streets		445,648
Street Lighting		3,800
Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling		93,435
Health Officer		240
Animal Control		200
Health Agencies		5,000
Welfare Admin & Direct Assistance		5,240
Parks & Recreation		2,000
Library		34,000
Patriotic Purposes		300
Conservation Commission		2,642
Debt Service		23,658
Capital Outlay		47,037
Capital Reserve Funds		50,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION - TOWN		<b>\$1,245,770</b>
Less Revenues		533,277
Less Fund Balance voted from surplus		35,000
Add-War Service Credits		8,300
Add -Overlay		<u>19,986</u>
NET TOWN APPROPRIATION		705,779
NET LOCAL EDUCATION TAX		2,134,183
STATE EDUCATION TAX		397,261
COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT		574,429
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL, COUNTY		\$3,811,652
Less-War Service Credits		<u>8,300</u>
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT		<b>\$3,803,352</b>
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$3,262,467	
Less-ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	731,023	
Less-STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>397,261</u>	
	\$2,134,183	
<b>2015 Tax Rate</b>	School - Local	\$12.20
	School - State	\$2.30
	County	\$3.28
	Town	<u>\$4.03</u>
		<b>\$21.81</b>



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR 2015

<b>Checking Account Balance - January 1, 2015</b>	\$52,958.29
Activity:	
plus receipts	4,476,084.76
less payments	4,583,042.67
plus accounts payable	1,297.68
plus investment cash flow	<u>1,321,162.83</u>
<b>Balance December 31, 2015:</b>	<b>\$1,268,460.89</b>
<b>Investment Account Balance - January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$1,319,558.91</b>
plus transfers in	1,252,448.66
less transfers out	<u>2,572,007.57</u>
<b>Balance December 31, 2015:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Cash-on-Hand 12/31/15</b>	
TDBanknorth Checking	<b>\$1,268,460.89</b>

### DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 2015

Local Taxes:		Licenses, Permits & Fees:	
Property Taxes - 2014	98,764.00	UCC/Filing Fees	840.00
Property Taxes - 2015	3,625,473.00	Junk Yard Fee	25.00
Tax Leins Redeemed	29,012.15	Motor Vehicle Fees:	
Taxes Sold to Town	43,643.00	Motor Vehicle Permits	298,915.00
Yield (Timber) Tax	21,933.22	Motor Vehicle Title Application Fee	788.00
Excavation Tax	980.74	Motor Vehicle State Fees	5,832.50
I & P - Current	1,491.28	MV State Fees - Town	1,166.50
I & P - Redemptions	<u>8,818.04</u>	Building Permits	1,214.53
	\$3,830,115.43	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees:	
State Sources:		Dog Licenses	2,589.50
Rooms & Meals Distribution	83,578.61	Marriage Licenses	190.00
Highway Block Grant	77,353.83	Vital Statistics Requests	270.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	9.33	Pistol Permits	470.00
Emg Operations Plan Grant	<u>2,500.00</u>	Planning & Zoning Hearings	520.00
	163,441.77	Bank Fees	400.00
		Transfer Station Permit Fees	3,651.00
Forest Fire Reimbursement	653.70	Transfer Station Fees (Items)	<u>5,507.50</u>
Interest - Checking Account	42.12		\$322,379.53
FEMA - Fire Dept Grant	\$50,000.00	Post Office Rent	5,000.04
		Town Hall Rent	<u>940.00</u>
Income from Departments:			\$5,940.04
Fire Department Fuel	774.26	Insurance Dividends/Reimbursements:	
FD Propane return	969.41	Worker's Compensation	4,676.04
Recycling - Transfer Station	<u>3,361.15</u>	Health Insurance	<u>5,155.37</u>
	\$5,104.82		\$9,831.41
Interfund Transfers In:		Other Misc. Revenue:	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,144.71	Town History Book Sales	245.00
Library CR - Roof	4,000.00	Timber Tax Bond	3,571.73
Bridge CR - Sout Village	71,400.00	Library Trustees - roof donation	8,029.12
Jotham Lord Trust Fund	<u>23.64</u>	Misc.	<u>161.74</u>
	\$76,568.35		\$12,007.59

**TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS** **\$4,476,084.76**

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 2015

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Executive Office:	
Town Administrator	54,670.81
Selectmen	6,000.00
Moderator	100.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	180.00
IT Service	500.00
Tax Maps	427.50
Printing	1,125.00
Dues	1,398.00
Notices	191.50
Equipment Agreements	278.49
Software Agreements	1,929.99
Supplies	526.69
Supplies - TTF	25.00
Postage & PO Fees	710.76
Equipment	804.00
Equipment Repair	125.00
Jotham Lord Fund	23.64
Other	<u>30.00</u>
	\$69,046.38

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:	
Town Clerk	6,076.50
Town Clerk Fees	16,801.50
Election Fees - Supervisors	560.00
Election Fees - Ballot Clerks	120.00
Town Clerk Telephone	864.37
Printing	509.17
Notices	259.76
Election Day Dinners	221.00
Town Clerk Supplies	1,078.17
Postage - Town Clerk	923.84
Postage - Supervisors	4.63
Town Clerk Publications	36.00
Licenses- Dog/Marriage	964.25
Vital Statistics	<u>48.00</u>
	\$28,467.19

General Government Buildings:	
Custodian	5,063.76
Telephone	1,260.24
Internet Service	193.78
Electricity	1,466.49
Heating Fuel	1,465.83
Propane	91.09
Repairs & Maintenance	6,889.50
Supplies	404.65
Mowing	<u>1,785.00</u>
	\$18,620.34

Financial Administration:	
Tax Collector	10,949.97
Tax Collector Fees	918.00
Auditor	500.00
Treasurer	1,530.00
Property Assessing	18,000.00
Bank Charges	773.38
Recording Fees	109.60
Dues - Tax Collector	40.00
Dues - Other	25.00
Software Agreements - Tax Collector	1,942.00
Software Agreements - Treasurer	498.99
Tax Collector Supplies	1,149.24
Treasurer Supplies	327.67
Postage - Tax Collector	1,652.42
Postage - Treasurer	<u>392.00</u>
	\$38,808.27

Legal Expenses:	
Attorney Fees	\$10,337.32

Personnel Administration:	
Health Insurance	58,986.46
Dental Insurance	4,476.08
FICA	18,311.39
Medicare	4,282.48
Unemployment	2,068.82
Retirement	<u>21,556.98</u>
	\$109,682.21

Planning & Zoning:	
Clerk Fees	790.00
SWRPC Dues	1,742.00
Notices	294.27
Supplies	115.00
Postage	<u>61.23</u>
	\$3,002.50

Cemeteries:	\$11,763.75
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Insurance Not Allocated/Dept:	
Worker's Compensation	6,930.00
Property Insurance	2,347.70
Liability Insurance	<u>3,184.77</u>
	\$12,462.47

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:****\$302,190.43**



Treasurer's Report, continued

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ambulance Service:	\$35,407.32
Mutual Aid Service:	20,245.00

Building Inspector:	\$1,214.53
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Emergency Management:	
Emg Mgt Director Salary	200.00
Forest Fire Control - Wages	369.12
EOC - Supplies	704.97
Forest Fire Control - Misc.	<u>661.64</u>
	\$1,935.73

Fire & Rescue Departments:	
Fire Chief Salary	1,500.00
Firemen Salaries	4,968.00
Telephones/Internet	944.79
Training	2,000.00
Electricity	1,110.69
Heating Fuel	2,840.46
Generator Propane	171.48
E&O Insurance	513.29
Life Insurance	380.00
Vehicle Insurance	2,639.58
Dues	550.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	152.00
Radio Repair	381.14
Flow Testing	100.00
Vehicle Fuel	774.26
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	3,383.67
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	360.00
Equipment - New	5,070.53
Equipment - Gear	3,919.40
Equipment - Rescue	<u>1,574.38</u>
	\$33,333.67

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>	<b>\$92,136.25</b>
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**SANITATION:**

Solid Waste Disposal:	
Employee Salaries	23,403.13
Telephone	423.09
Disposal Service - Trucking	17,465.00
Disposal Service - Tonage	38,652.50
Testing Fees	4,710.00
Electricity	905.63
Dues	271.10
Supplies	776.68
Equipment	999.95
Other	<u>314.38</u>

<b>TOTAL SANITATION:</b>	<b>\$87,921.46</b>
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**HIGHWAYS & STREETS:**

Uniforms	2,949.00
Telephone	864.73
Drug/Alcohol Testing	168.00
Electricity	1,778.53
Heating Fuel	990.43
Hired Equipment	7,210.00
Vehicle Insurance	3,089.67
Dues & Membership	275.00
Notices	79.76
Building Repair/Maintenance	1,252.22
Paving- Asphalt	228,827.46
Paving- Shimming	2,990.09
Salt & Chloride	71,928.78
Sand & Gravel	19,057.87
Vehicle Fuel & Oil	21,210.10
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	47,378.69
Cutting Edges	3,602.51
Tires	6,830.54
Vehicle Inspection/Registration	300.00
Culverts	3,835.20
Signs	67.77
Equipment	6,150.00
Other	<u>349.03</u>
	\$431,185.38

Highway Administration:

Temporary Wages	1,537.76
Permanent Wages	<u>135,321.76</u>
	\$136,859.52

Street Lighting	\$3,312.74
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<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS:</b>	<b>\$571,357.64</b>
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**HEALTH:**

Health Officer Salary	200.00
Animal Control	40.00
Agencies & Services	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$5,240.00

**WELFARE:**

Welfare Officer Salary	200.00
Direct Assistance	<u>1,192.60</u>
	\$1,392.60

<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; WELFARE:</b>	<b>\$6,632.60</b>
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**DEBT SERVICE:**

Principal - Highway Truck	23,250.00
Interest	<u>354.48</u>

<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:</b>	<b>\$23,604.48</b>
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Treasurer's Report, continued

**CULTURE & RECREATION:**

Park & Recreation:	
Mowing	1,575.00
Patriotic Purposes	<u>478.29</u>
	\$2,053.29
Library:	
Library Salaries	25,771.47
Appropriation	<u>8,000.00</u>
	\$33,771.47

**TOTAL CULTURE & REC: \$35,824.76**

**CONSERVATION:**

Conferences/Training	60.00
Dues	266.00
Supplies	60.00
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION:</b>	<b>\$386.00</b>

**TOTAL TOWN OPERATING EXPENSES:**

**\$1,211,432.12**

**OTHER EXPENSES**

Refund of Property Tax	4,451.65
Overpayment of Property Tax	2,827.00
Town Hall supplies - Cultural Art	637.17
Planning Board Escrow	949.68
South Village Road Bridge	132,955.00
County Taxes	574,429.00
School District	2,541,253.00
Taxes Bought By Town	48,494.05

**TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:**

**3,371,610.55**

**GRAND TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS**

**\$4,583,042.67**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY:**

PO Entryway	3,200.00
Library Roof	20,058.25
Recycling Center Compactor	13,283.25
Tennis Court Resurfacing	<u>4,837.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>	<b>\$41,378.50</b>

**TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:**

Fire Equipment	25,000.00
Highway Equipment	<u>25,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO CR FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

**STATUS OF ACCOUNTS IN HANDS OF TREASURER**

**2015 Activity**

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance - January 1, 2015	\$844.02
Plus Deposits in 2015	\$0.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2015	\$0.07
Less Withdrawals in 2015	<u>\$844.09</u>
Balance - December 31, 2015	<b>\$0.00</b>

TDBanknorth Investment Account

Balance - January 1, 2015	\$1,318,714.89
Plus Deposits in 2015	\$1,250,844.09
Plus Interest Earned in 2015	\$1,604.50
Less Withdrawals in 2015	\$2,571,162.83
Less Service Charges in 2015	<u>\$0.65</u>
Balance - December 31, 2015	<b>\$0.00</b>

Conservation Commission Account

Balance - January 1, 2015	\$66,940.21
Plus Deposits in 2015	\$0.00
Plus Interest Earned in 2015	\$37.83
Less Withdrawals in 2015	<u>\$700.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2015	<b>\$66,278.04</b>

**LOANS OUTSTANDING - NONE**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jo Ann LaBarre*  
Treasurer



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Accounts – Fiscal Year Ending December, 31, 2015

### DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes		143,892.00	
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes			
Taxes Committed This Year			
Property Taxes	3,806,722.00		
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes	22,018.11		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yard	980.74		
Overpayment Refunds			
Property Taxes	302.00	7,035.00	
Interest Overpayment		221.67	
Interest – Late Tax	1,063.36	7,774.97	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>3,831,086.21</b>	<b>158,923.64</b>	

### CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	3,625,473.00	103,274.00
Land Use Change		
Yield Taxes	21,933.22	
Interest	1,063.36	7,996.64
Excavation Tax	980.74	
Conversion to Lien		43,643.00
Abatements		
Property Tax	3,373.00	
Yield Tax	84.89	
Uncollected Taxes		
Property Taxes	178,178.00	4,010.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>3,831,086.21</b>	<b>158,923.64</b>

Tax Collector's Report, cont.

**DEBITS**

	Last Year's Levy 2014	2013	2012	Prior Levies 2011 & 2010
Unredeemed Liens				
At Beg of Fiscal Year		29,576.07	8,756.46	2,088.91
Adjustment to 2010 Lien				2.63
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	48,494.05			
Interest Collected	598.99	1,077.21		60.52
Overpayment of Property Tax		4,306.46	4,256.37	1,433.63
Overpayment of Interest		188.79	450.37	76.94
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>49,093.04</b>	<b>35,148.53</b>	<b>13,463.20</b>	<b>3,662.63</b>

**CREDITS**

	Last Year's Levy 2014	2013	2012	Prior Levies 2011
Remitted To Treasurer				
Redemptions PT	19,502.09	12,018.37	4,256.37	3,231.78
Interest	598.99	1,266.00	450.37	137.46
Deeded Properties	4,652.65	4,770.52	4,500.09	
Abatements		37.00	224.64	293.39
Unredeemed Liens Balance	24,339.31	17,056.64	4,031.73	
End of Year				
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>49,093.04</b>	<b>35,148.53</b>	<b>13,463.20</b>	<b>3,662.63</b>

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$298,915.00
of NH Agent Fees to Agent	5,832.50
State of NH Agent Fees to Town	1,166.50
Application fees	788.00
Dog Licenses - Tag	2,439.50
- Group	150.00
Marriage Licenses	190.00
Vital Statistics Research/Requests	270.00
UCC and Other Filing Fees	840.00
Bank Return Fees	<u>400.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>\$310,991.50</b>



# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriation	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance/Overdraft
4130	Executive	\$102	\$69,697	\$69,046	\$651
4140	Elec. Reg. VS	5,056	32,826	28,468	4,358
4150	Financial Admin	400	40,046	38,809	1,237
4153	Legal Expenses		5,000	10,337	(5,337)
4155	Personel Admin	5,155	116,455	109,682	6,773
4191	Planning & Zoning	520	4,372	3,003	1,369
4194	Gov't. Buildings	5,940	25,544	18,620	6,924
4195	Cemeteries	1,145	13,145	11,764	1,381
4196	Insurance not Allocated	4,676	17,581	12,462	5,119
4210	Police		1,000	0	1,000
4215	Ambulance		35,408	35,407	1
4220	Fire & Rescue	1,053	34,548	33,334	1,214
4240	Building Inspec.	1,215	3,215	1,215	2,000
4290	Emergency Mgt.	654	2,904	1,936	968
4299	Mutual Aid		20,245	20,245	0
4311	Highway Admin.		136,500	136,860	(360)
4312	Highway & Streets	78,128	523,776	445,626	78,150
4316	Street Lighting		3,800	3,313	487
4324	Recycling Center	12,520	105,955	87,921	18,034
4411	Health Administration		240	200	40
4414	Animal Control		200	40	160
4415	Health Agencies		5,000	5,000	0
4441	Welfare Administration		240	200	40
4442	Direct Assistance		5,000	1,193	3,807
4520	Parks & Rec.		2,000	1,575	425
4550	Library		34,000	33,771	229
4583	Patriotic Purposes		300	478	(178)
4611	Conservation		2,642	386	2,256
4711	Debt. Service		23,250	23,250	0
4721	Interest-Long Term		814	354	460
4723	Interest on TAN		1	0	1
4903	Post Office Entryway		3,200	3,200	0
4903	Library Roof	12,029	37,029	20,058	16,971
4909	Tennis Court Resurfacing		4,837	4,837	0
4909	Recycling Center Compactor			13,283	
4915	Capital Reserve Funds		50,000	50,000	0
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$128,592</b>	<b>\$1,374,362</b>	<b>\$1,225,873</b>	<b>\$148,489</b>

## **TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Town Hall Improvement Committee works to accomplish improvements to the building while maintaining its historical character. Most improvements are small-scale and done by the committee and some other volunteers, while larger tasks are done with full Select Board involvement. To be accountable for its work, the committee maintains a list of tasks with costs. The list shows that about 62 tasks have been completed and about 39 have not been done.

Energy improvements have reduced the cost of heating oil, electricity, and propane purchases by \$13,000 since the committee started in 2011. These savings will continue into the future.

Improvements by the committee in 2015 include 1) wood trim and chalk shelf for the blackboard, 2) removing two old pianos (thanks to R. Goodnow), 3) new drapes for the dining room (thanks to Cultural Arts donation and handwork by M. Ullrich), 4) a dining room door closer to save heat, 5) hardware and fit up of cabinets, 6) heating system upkeep, 7) new kitchenware (Cultural Arts donation) and 8) minor installs/repairs. The Select Board accomplished major upgrades by repairing/painting ceilings and walls and a new metal sleeve in the chimney.

Volunteers for “hands-on” work are always needed. Please contact Dick Schmidt, Chairman (399-4353 or sunrise84@myfairpoint.net) if you would like a copy of our task list or wish to help bring our Town Hall towards first-rate condition for its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2016.

Richard Schmidt, Jan Carpenter

## **HEALTH**

The community has three instances in which there has been involvement by the Health Department. They included sewage, a building with excessive mold and storage that raised the question of safety.

Lloyd Draper, Health Officer

## **PUBLIC WELFARE**

There has been four welfare cases including requests for payment of electricity, rent and fuel.

Lloyd Draper, Welfare Officer

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

A total of 26 permits were issued in 2015

Single family dwelling	1	Addition	1
Garage	5	Remodel	11
Shed	2	Barn	5
Pool	1		

Larry Muchmore, Building Inspector



## PLANNING BOARD

Westmoreland Planning Board members are appointed by the Selectmen. The board holds regular meetings which are open to the public at the Town Hall on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. If anyone has business to bring before the board, they should contact the board's secretary, Alison Fissette, to be put on the agenda. Anything requiring a hearing must be officially noticed which means that the secretary must receive the information 21 days prior to the meeting. Folks just wanting information do not need to be noted on the agenda.

The purpose of the planning board is to guide the development of the town. Decisions are made considering the landowner's rights and desires and balancing this with the intent of the town as shown in the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances through processes such as subdivision and site plan review. Information on the necessary steps for subdivision or site plan review as well as ordinances are available in the Selectmen's office and on the town's website.

If a resident is planning any changes or construction on any land in town, a call to the Zoning Administrator is the first place to start. This is the best way to find out if any necessary permits or processes are needed. If residents have suggestions for changes for the Zoning Ordinances we encourage you to submit them to the board for consideration. While the board drafts ordinances, it is the residents who vote to determine whether to adopt them during the March ballot vote.

The past year has seen some changes in the board. Dave Hansel resigned and Mark Hayward was appointed to fill his position. Russ Austin served as Selectboard representative. Tim Thompson was appointed as a board alternate. The board thanks Dave for his service on the board.

In 2015 there was an approval for trimming on a scenic road, two informational meetings with people who wanted to know about processes for use of their land, a gravel excavation approved, a business site plan approved and a subdivision application that was withdrawn.

The Master Plan subcommittee finished 2 years of work to update our Master Plan. Many, many thanks go to Bruce Smith, Bill Campbell, Carol Austin, Bill Schmidt, and John Lukin for their hours of thoughtful work in addressing this challenging project. Thanks also goes to Dawn Lincoln for providing clerical assistance to the committee in compiling the final draft.

We worked on ordinances and submitted proposed changes to 305.1 for vote at town meeting. We have marked other ordinances that we will revisit and propose possible adjustments. We also updated our Rules of Procedure and the Subdivision Regulations.

### Westmoreland Planning Board Members

Lauren Bressett, Chair  
Dawn Lincoln, Vice Chair  
Russ Austin, Selectman

Steve Houle  
Bruce Smith  
Jim Starkey

Mark Hayward, Sr  
Tim Thompson, Alternate  
Alison Fissette, Secretary, Alternate

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### Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots

In accordance with NH RSA 674:39-aa, any owner of lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes prior to 9/18/2010 and without consent of the owner, may request that the lots be restored to their premerger status. Application must be made to the Board of Selectmen prior to 12/31/2016. Application and additional information may be obtained at the Selectmen's office or on the town website ([www.westmorelandnh.com](http://www.westmorelandnh.com)).

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## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Westmoreland Zoning Board meets on the third Wednesday of the months when applications for a Variance or Special Exception are submitted to the Board by the first business day of that month. Notices of hearings are posted at the Town Hall and the Westmoreland Post Office and appear in the Public Notice section of The Keene Sentinel at least five days before a hearing. Abutters to the properties in the applications are notified by certified mail. Board members are: Chairman Peter Remy, Vice-Chairman Barry Shonbeck, Russ Huntley, Brian Merry, and Nancy Ranson. Alternate members are Ernie Perham and Bill Campbell. Jackie Cleary is the Clerk. David Wirth is the Zoning Administrator. The Minutes of each hearing are available on the Town's website. The Board heard the following applications in 2015:

The Westmoreland Zoning Board met on January 21, 2015 for a continued hearing on an application by Deborah Perry and James Szuch for a Variance from the setback requirements as stated in Table 505 of the Westmoreland Zoning Ordinances, to obtain a Building Permit for a new house on their property located at 22 Ferry Road on Map R-11, Lot 12 in the Rural Residential District. The applicants requested that the hearing be continued until February 18, 2015. The Board voted in favor, 5-0.

On February 18, 2015 the Board met to consider applications by Deborah Perry and James Szuch for Variances to obtain a Building Permit for a new house on their property located at 22 Ferry Road on Map R-11, Lot 12 in the Rural Residential District.

\_\_\_Variance #1: A variance from Table 505; Setback from the road requirement.

\_\_\_Variance #2: A variance from Article 452.3, Section 1; Setback requirements of a structure from a wetland..

\_\_\_Variance #3: A variance from Article 452.3, Section 2; Setback requirement of a septic system from a wetland.

The Board considered each Variance separately and granted each of the Variances by a vote of 5 to 0, and all are subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed house will have a limit of two bedrooms.
2. There will be a storm water management design in place to prevent roof run-off from directly entering the river.
3. A shoreline permit must be obtained from the state.
4. There must be a state approved septic plan in place.
5. The building inspector will have all of the designs and permits in hand before issuing the building permit.

The Board met on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 to consider an application by Walter Derjue for two Variances in regard to his property at 819 River Road, Map R 10, Lot 17. The property consists of four deeded parcels and the applicant would like to adjust the lot line between two parcels. The resulting parcels will need Variances according to Table 503 of the Westmoreland Zoning Ordinances as they do not conform to the minimum lot size requirement nor the minimum frontage requirement. At the request of the applicants the Board voted to continue the hearing until Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

The Board met on May 20, 2015 to consider an application by Walter Derjue for two Variances in regard to his property at 819 River Road, Map R 10, Lot 17. (See above.) The Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the Variances subject to Planning Board approval, resulting in the modification of the frontage and acreage of two non-conforming existing lots of record.

The Board met on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 to consider an application by Marjorie O'Connor for a Special Exception from the terms of Article IV Section 407.2 of the Westmoreland Town Ordinances in regard to having an accessory dwelling unit above the garage at her property located at 13 London Road, Map U-2, Lot 19. The Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the Special Exception with the following conditions: 1. A letter from the designer of the new septic system submitted to the Board indicating that the septic system is designed to handle both the three bedroom main house and the one bedroom apartment. 2. The owner must obtain a current certificate of occupancy and submit a copy to the Board.

The Board met on July 15, 2015 to hear an application for an appeal by abutter Andy Russell of the Board's decision in May to grant the requested Variances for the Walter Derjue property. The Board voted 5-0 to grant the re-hearing and set the date of August 19, 2015.



On August 19, 2015 the Board met to hear the appeal of their decision to grant the requested Variances for the Walter Derjue property. Chairman Remy announced that Mr. Derjue had withdrawn his application and that the Variances were negated and the appeal need not be heard.

On August 19<sup>th</sup> the Board also considered an application by James Larkin for a two year extension of his zoning permit to complete the renovation of his property at 852 Route 12, Map 14-34 citing health and financing issues. The Board voted 5-0 to grant the extension.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Cleary, Zoning Board Clerk

## **AUDIT REPORT**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Town of Westmoreland: Financial Records, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town Clerk and Library for the year 2014. We find them to be correct and properly vouched.

Recommendations: Tax Collector & Town Clerk deposit records should be stated separately.

Completed reports are on file with the Selectmen. Library should have two accountings; one for town deposits & expenditures and one for other income and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Zeller & Alison Fissette  
Auditors

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Westmoreland Supervisors of the Checklist have gone through continued organizational changes in 2015 due to requirements from the NH Secretary of State, specifically the Elections Division. We have implemented the rules and procedures of the election system when accepting, processing and completing voter paperwork and system updates.

Our focus in 2015 was to, first and foremost, take the existing voter checklist and match it against the voter records. There were old files that needed to be individually examined. Old voter cards were on index card size and we implemented a system so they are the same size as the present letter size voter forms. Now all registered voter records are in one file and match against the checklist. We have begun to purge and properly dispose of outdated records that no longer need to be kept. As long and tedious as the tasks have been, we are proud of the fact the voter records are now current and properly attended to. We continue to work in both required sessions and our own work sessions to keep everything current.

The supervisors meet by law 5-6 times a year at town hall. We also meet between 10-12 times for work sessions to process and sort through regular business. Additionally, we are present at town voting day, primary elections, general elections, annual town meetings and annual school board meetings.

2015 was a quiet year for elections as we only had the Town meeting and School Meeting. 2016 is going to be extremely busy due to the Primary Election in February and the General election in November. We look forward to continuing to serve the Town of Westmoreland as your Checklist Supervisors for 2016.

Nancy Zeller, Elaine Moore and Sharon Riesenbergl  
Supervisors of the Checklist

## WESTMORELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

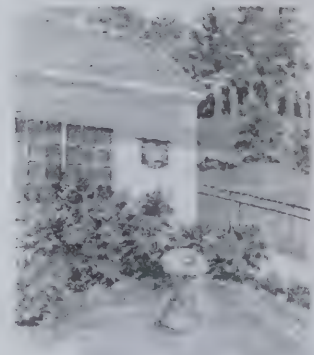
The library continues to enjoy monthly visits from Kindergarten and the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes, sponsors a Book Group and a Writers Group, and this year started a monthly read-aloud for 3 year olds and their families. This year we welcomed local author Sy Montgomery for a book discussion, partnered with the Bump Road Band in celebration of Old Home Day, and invited young children to join us for a day of fairy house making. Donna Cary taught a drawing class for children and adults during the summer and in the early fall Westmoreland School Principal, Mark Hayward, came by to read to incoming Kindergarten students before the start of school. We ended the year in usual fashion with the always popular gingerbread house decorating.

- **Patrons**

The library was open 152 days last year. 3276 patrons visited us during that time, 35 of whom were first time visitors to the library. In-library use: 307 patrons used our in-house services, including use of our public computer, wireless service, and our copy and fax machines.

- **Book Circulation**

3,269 items circulated from our permanent collection last year. We borrowed 507 books from other libraries for our patrons, and we loaned 158 books from our stacks to other libraries. Acquisitions: We added 189 new books to our collection this year, 9 of which we received as donations. In addition we added 162 items of mixed media including audio books, magazines and videos. 600 items were withdrawn from the collection.



Painting by M. B. Crowther

- **New Services**

Made possible by a very generous anonymous donation, a new automated system is now in use at the Library. All new books and many of our older books are now available for patrons to view from home in an on-line database. Patrons may browse our catalog from home, put a hold on a book they wish to borrow, and build lists of books they have read and those they would like to read. This system streamlines the process of making new books available to readers, sends reminders to patrons several days before books are due to be returned, and is an invaluable tool for the library to maintain our collection going forward.

- **Gifts**

We received many generous gifts throughout the year, but none more important than the gift of time from our volunteers. As always, many thanks to all who have shared their talents, resources, time and love of books with us this year, and a special thank you to our Board of Trustees chaired by Louise Slayton.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Burnett  
Library Director



Westmoreland Public Library  
Statement of Activities  
12 Months Ending December 31, 2015

	Town Funds		Total
Town Appropriation	34,000.00		34,000.00
Jotham Lord Fund	23.64		23.64
Trustee of the Trust Funds		586.58	586.58
Interest earned		8.84	8.84
Other Income(copier, late fees)		51.00	51.00
Fundraising		455.00	455.00
 Total Income	 34,023.64	 1,101.42	 35,125.06
 Payroll	 24,781.95		 24,781.95
Books & Periodicals		3,280.85	3,280.85
Program Expenses		271.92	271.92
Supplies		698.94	698.94
PO Box Rental		114.00	114.00
Electricity		1,031.84	1,031.84
Heat		1,147.44	1,147.44
Phone & Internet		1,165.13	1,165.13
Dues & registration		30.00	30.00
Building Maintainance& snow removal		507.01	507.01
 Total Expense	 24,781.95	 8,247.13	 33,029.08
 SBW Checking Acct. Balance Dec. 2014	 21,407.92		
SBW Checking Acct, Balance Dec. 2015	12,608.99		
Designated Funds	(10,500.00)		
Operating Balance	2,108.99		

## **Park Hill Meeting House & Historical Society**

We continued to offer six interesting programs this year. In 2015 the subjects covered were early marriage statistics in Westmoreland by Richard High, archaeological finds by Chris Kelley, history of the County Farm property by John Harris, memories of past Old Home Days by Carlson Barrett, our Mystic Ceremonial Landscape by Pat Baker and Patti Seymour told us all about Horace Wells who is credited with the first use of nitrous oxide as an anesthetic and lived for several years in her house in Westmoreland.

**All of our programs are free and everyone, not just members, are welcome. They are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays of April, May, June, Oct. and Nov. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September.**

As you may have observed, the tower and steeple on the Meeting House were repaired and painted during the past fall due to the receipt of another LCHIP grant. Again, through the considerable efforts of Walter Carroll.

Jim Ranson and Walter Carroll have kept our lawns well mowed and last spring a small group cleaned up the gardens and property around the Corner School and cleaned the inside of the Meeting House. We thank them all!

Several Newsletters were mailed to all members announcing the coming programs and Meetings. Our Annual Tag Sale was held on the Saturday before Labor Day and we may decide that it will be discontinued at least for a few years because of diminishing returns over the past few years.

Our contribution in November to the Sentinel for their Way We Were articles was Bill Fletcher's Pilgrim's Home in East Westmoreland.

We set up a display in the Town Hall for the 2015 Old Home Day celebration and provided tea and goodies for the Old Tyme Tea with the assistance of the ladies of the Cultural Arts group. A table of items for sale was also set up at the Ladies Aid Bazaar as well as Home for the Holidays fair.

Two valuable portraits of Mr. Cole and Mr. Briggs are in the process of being restored prior to hanging upstairs in the Town Hall.

Planning has begun for a Town Hall Centennial (1916-2016) celebration to be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 — 4-7 p.m. Watch for further details during the coming months.

Hugh Shelley, Richard High, Patti Seymour, Janet Hurley,  
Walter Carroll, John Harris & Jan Carpenter

([www.Westmorelandhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.Westmorelandhistoricalsociety.org))

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Recreation Committee works to keep our ball fields and other public recreation spaces in good shape. We were pleased with the job that Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing did on repairing the tennis courts. Prior to the meeting on November 18th, we had discussed the need to repair the backboards and nets on the basketball court on the Woodward Field in East Westmoreland. We will be looking at replacing these in the future. The committee consists of Susie Harris, chair, David Bressett, Mark Hayward and Lisa Huckins. We thank the selectmen and town residents for your continued support.



## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

With the help of grant from the NH Department of Emergency Management and FEMA and an updating process, facilitated by consultant Jane Hubbard, the town's Emergency Operations Plan was updated.

We have developed a set of procedures to operate an emergency town shelter in the Westmoreland School in the event that the town sustained a severe disaster. Shelter supplies were assessed and updated and a Sheltering Workshop was held, under the auspices of the American Red Cross.

In addition to sheltering people, we have also made accommodations to shelter pet animals and have stocked supplies for such an occasion. In order to have the capability of sheltering pets along with their families we are in need of animal crates to augment our pet oriented supplies. If anyone has a medium or large dog crate that they no longer need and would be willing to donate to the town, we would welcome it.

Please let Town Administrator Jo Ann LaBarre know and we will be happy to pick it up.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Chase  
Emergency Management Director

Bob Hamilton  
Deputy EMD

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

There were three cemetery lots sold in 2015. Stone repair was continued by Wink Savard by repairing twenty six stones in the South Village Cemetery and thirty eight in the North Cemetery.

The Cemetery Trustees must be notified of all burials, including cremations, in a town cemetery. This is important so that the burial is done according to regulations and becomes a permanent record of the town. For the mutual protection, respect and benefit of all lot owners, there are restrictions on decorations, enclosures, plants and shrubbery. By-Laws are available from the Cemetery Trustees.

Cemetery Trustees, Robert Davis, Jo Ann LaBarre & Robert Moore

## **BRIGGS FUND**

In 2015, the Briggs Committee met one time and decided that income from the Briggs, Bleeker and Ruth White Funds should be available for use by the school for the benefit of the children, preferably around Christmas time. The School did not draw on these funds in 2015.

Patrick N. Baker  
Timothy Thompson

## FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Department responded to a total of 140 Fire and Rescue calls in 2015. These calls consumed over 577 person hours. We had 5 members join the department bringing the total number of members to 21.

We continue to do monthly training with the Spofford/Chesterfield Departments.

In June the Department held its annual Chicken Barbecue. It was a big success for us as we sold out on our chicken and were able to listen to some great music from the Westmoreland Town Band.

In 2014/2015 the Department applied for three grants to increase the safety of our personnel and replace some of our ageing equipment. One of the grants was through the Timken Foundation to replace our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The other two were through a Federal Grant for replacing our entire Personal Protective Equipment and all of our radios. We were successful in receiving two of the three grants that we applied for. One of which was the grant from the Timken Foundation in the amount of \$77,400.00 to replace our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The other one was through a Federal Grant [FEMA] in the amount of \$50,000.00 to replace our Personal Protective Equipment.

We ask all Westmoreland residents to put your house numbers visible from the roadway, this will help in assisting us getting to your emergency in a reasonable amount of time. If you put them on your mailbox, please be sure to put them on both sides.

Visitors are always welcome to stop by the Fire Station for a tour and view the apparatus. Any Westmoreland resident interested in becoming a member of the department may join us the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm at the Fire Station.

The members of the Westmoreland Fire/Rescue Department would like to thank the citizens for their outstanding support again this past year. Our goal is to keep the citizens of Westmoreland from harm with professional service.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at 399-9993 or [wvfd1@myfairpoint.net](mailto:wvfd1@myfairpoint.net)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harry E Nelson  
Fire Chief

Month	# Calls	Total # Of Calls
Jan-15	16	16
Feb-15	6	22
Mar-15	13	35
Apr-15	10	45
May-15	13	58
Jun-15	7	65
Jul-15	13	78
Aug-15	13	91
Sep-15	11	102
Oct-15	19	121
Nov-15	9	130
Dec-15	10	140

Type	#of Calls	Total Personnel Hours
AFA Business	7	15:55
AFA Maplewood Nursing Home	5	11:48
AFA Private Residence	7	14:04
AFA Water Treatment Plant	1	1:09
Brush Fire	1	2:40
Chimney Fire	2	17:52
Downed Wires/Transformer	6	20:07
Gas/Oil Leak	4	37:34
Good Intent/Smoke Investigation	3	4:13
Hazmat	1	20:46
ME Maplewood Assisted Living	7	17:53
ME Maplewood Nursing Home	5	5:40
ME Private Residence	37	77:20
Motor Vehicle Accident	25	161:53
Mutual Aid Given	20	130:25
Other	9	37:51
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>577:10</b>



## FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

This past fire season burned **635 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5<sup>th</sup> and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

### 2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	276	2
Cheshire	27.6	18
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	49.7	22
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	7	13
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4

### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2015	635
Debris	14	2014	72
Campfire	12	2013	144
Children	2	2012	206
Smoking	12	2011	42
Railroad	0		
Equipment	6		
Lightning	4		
Misc.*	67 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES**

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NH RSA 36-A, provides a Conservation Commission with the basic purpose to identify, protect and conserve the land and water resources of their community. Charged by RSA 482-A, and RSA 483-B the Commission reviews local wetland applications and, in conjunction with the NH Wetlands Bureau, is involved in the NH Shoreland Protection Act. In addition, we have a responsibility in the review process of sand and gravel permitting under RSA 155-E. Information and applications for the activities described are available at the town office, at the town website ([www.westmorelandnh.com](http://www.westmorelandnh.com)) or at the NH Department of Environmental Services website ([www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov)).

In addition to responding to wetland issues as requested and reviewing formal applications, the Commission has worked with the Selectboard, the NH Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Division, NH Department of Environmental Services, NH Dept of Transportation, NH Trails Bureau, NH Division of Forests and Lands, Joint Rivers Commission, and Cheshire County officials on a variety of issues.

Two of our members served on the Master Plan update committee submitting a draft Conservation and Preservation section which will hopefully be adopted in the update along with our 2012 Conservation Plan as an appendix. We participated in the August Old Home Day providing a display and information on a number of natural resource issues including conservation and management .

In cooperation with "Litter Free NH", the Commission sponsored another successful roadside clean-up in May spearheaded by the Westmoreland Lions Club with 31 volunteers participating, collecting 76 bags of trash and other assorted junk from about 20 miles of roads in town.

The Commission continues to assist the Westmoreland Elementary School through natural resource materials and one of our members is working directly with the students through the Nature Club, creating an outdoor classroom and trail.

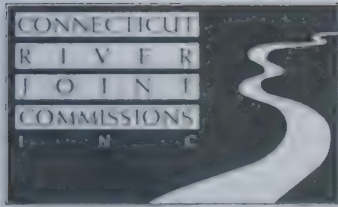
Our members are active on a number of town and regional committees and have attended a variety of local and state natural resource training and seminars throughout the year.

The Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at the Town Hall normally at 7 PM with January – March meeting time at 10 AM. Please contact any of the members about our work or with questions or concerns. Also check the town website for more information. Anyone interested in becoming involved (we have seven full time members and an allowance for any number of alternate members) can contact the Chairman or the Selectmen.

Respectively submitted, Marshall Patmos , Chairman

Members: John Lukin, Vice Chair, April Ferguson, Selena Gallen , Dick Schmidt, Jim Ranson, Perry Sawyer, Mary Bradley (alternate),





## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

CRJC's mission is to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and sustainable working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley, and guide its growth and development through grassroots leadership. Five local river subcommittees carry out this work with a corps of over 100 volunteers.

### ***Education and Engagement***

The Connecticut River Joint Commissions have continued to educate and engage citizens about the River and the economic and environmental health of the entire region in Vermont and New Hampshire.

During FY 15 the CRJC meetings offered a series of educational presentations:

- Misha Cetner and Kevin Burke of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources briefed Commissioners and the public on the new Vermont Shoreland Protection Act.
- In February of 2015 Commissioners engaged in a day-long retreat facilitated by Michele Tremblay of Naturesource Communications to up-date the Joint Commissions Strategic Plan.
- Glenn English of the Connecticut River Byways Council presented that organizations new tourism brochure and website at <http://www.ctriverbyways.org>. The Byways Council and Joint Commissions explored opportunities for additional collaboration in the future.
- Ann Ingerson, Program Coordinator with Watersheds United Vermont (WUV) briefed Commissioners on the work of the WUV including water quality monitoring, river cleanup, and riparian buffer plantings in the watershed.
- The Commission held its annual meeting and elected the following officers to serve during the FY 16: Jason Rasmussen, President (VT); Rick Walling, Vice President (NH); Mary Sloat, Treasurer (NH); Kurt Staudter, Secretary (VT).

### **Wantastiquet Local River Subcommittee**

The Wantastiquet Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of two volunteers nominated by each of the following municipalities: Westminster, Putney, Dummerston, Brattleboro, and Vernon in Vermont; and Walpole, Westmoreland, Chesterfield, and Hinsdale in New Hampshire.

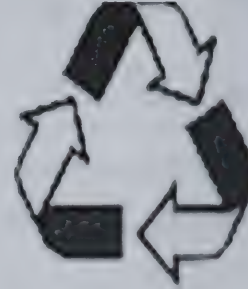
The Subcommittee meets approximately every two months to discuss and act on a variety of river-related issues. Specific responsibilities include providing advice to NHDES, VANR and municipalities on matters pertaining to the river; reviewing and commenting on proposed permits and plans; and developing and periodically updating a corridor management plan. In 2015, activities included:

- Participated in discussions about the relationship between Vermont's new shoreland regulations and the Connecticut River impoundments.
- Reviewed and commented on several permit applications.
- Hosted presentations on CRWC Source to Sea Clean-up, US Fish & Wildlife Draft Plan for the Conte Wildlife Refuge, and NH Rivers Council River Runners training on identifying invasive aquatic plant species.

There are currently openings on the Subcommittee in several communities. If you are interested in working with volunteers from area communities on river conservation issues, and serving as a liaison to your municipal boards, we encourage you to attend a meeting to learn more. See [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org) for the meeting schedule.

## RECYCLING CENTER

The following information reflects the amount of material taken out of the Transfer Station and income & expenses for recycling:



Waste Disposal	Comingled Recycling Tons	Compactor Tons	Demo Tons
2014	67.66	342.49	42.15
2015	60.49	331.36	35.24

Recycling	Cans Pounds	Cardboard Pounds	Paper Pounds	Light Iron Pounds
2014	2,833	51,200	59,820	23,140
2015	4,380	37,700	55,920	27,540

Income	Recyclables	Item Fees
2014	\$3,774	\$3,721
2015	\$3,361	\$5,508

Expense	Trucking
2014	\$3,030
2015	\$2,930

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The trustees met six times during 2015 to administer affairs of the trusts. At year end, Town common trust funds were invested in common stocks and cash in an Edward Jones account. The yield on common trust fund assets was 3.0% in 2015 compared to 1.0% in 2014. The yield on capital reserves was 0.75% in 2015 compared to 0.64% in 2014. This is less than inflation and is of concern. Trust fund market valuation was slightly positive.

The trustees' trust fund investment strategy is to maximize both income and assets with prudent investments. Our target yield is 3+%. Our strategy is to be fully invested in high yielding solid common stocks, and not to try to time the market. Capital reserve funds are currently invested in a money market fund at a local bank. The Jotham Lord Fund received no donations in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick N. Baker  
William Campbell  
Timothy Thompson



## Westmoreland, NH

## COMMON TRUST FUNDS

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## GEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

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Pratt Cemetery

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## TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BIRTHS IN 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Baby's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name/Father's Name</u>
12/24/15	Keene, NH	Nolan Michael Cox	Alison Caouette/Justin Cox
02/18/15	Keene, NH	Hunter Adam Fairbanks	Ashley Aumand/Joshua Fairbanks
09/23/15	Peterborough, NH	Hannah Marie Fontaine	Marcie Fontaine/Andrew Fontaine
04/08/15	Keene, NH	Emma Lynn Johnson	Kristie Johnson/ Michael Johnson
07/24/15	Peterborough, NH	William Alistair Kurimay	Jean Larghi/Zachary Kurimay
01/17/15	Keene, NH	Anne Marie Lounsbury	Heather Lounsbury/Jonathan Lounsbury
06/25/15	Keene, NH	Camila Maribel Merida-Martinez	Natasha Merida-Martinez/Elio Merida-Martinez
11/25/15	Keene, NH	Azalea Marie Olander	Heather Olander/Kevin Olander

## TOWN OF WESTMORELAND BURIALS 2015

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
Cecile Rita Ayotte	11-12-15	11-28-15	Keene, NH	East Cemetery
Beatrice C Barrett	06-13-15	08-08-15		North Cemetery
Ellis S Barrett	03-01-15	06-05-15	Keene, NH	So Village Cemetery
Joye C Barrett	02-28-14	06-05-15	Keene, NH	So Village Cemetery
Marshall J Barrett, Sr	10-30-11	08-08-15		North Cemetery
David George Clapp	10-05-15	10-24-15	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery
Russell D Cowland	05-23-15	08-22-15	Westmoreland, NH	So Village Cemetery
Pamela Marie Fish	02-13-15	06-20-15	Westmoreland, NH	So Village Cemetery
Arabella B Hosegood	06-25-15	07-04-15	Westmoreland, NH	So Village Cemetery
Richard L Lawson, Sr	05-17-15	05-21-15	Westmoreland, NH	So Village Cemetery
Linda N McQuillin	01-28-15	05-16-15	Lebanon, NH	Gline Cemetery
Robert C Metevier	08-06-15	09-13-15	Lebanon, NH	North Cemetery
Lois May Nimke	10-05-15	10-21-15	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery
Muriel V Schumann	11-12-14	05-15-15	Hopkinton, NH	So Village Cemetery
Walter C Schumann	03-24-04	05-15-15	Westmoreland, NH	So Village Cemetery
Rita Eleanor Talbot	05-24-15	10-04-15	Westmoreland, NH	North Cemetery
John Prescott Terry	01-28-14	06-12-15	Sacramento, CA	So Village Cemetery

## DEATHS IN WESTMORELAND (NOT MAPLEWOOD) 2015

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
12-08-15	23 Farrhill Road	Dorothea Mae Ashworth	Howard Crabb, Sr	Edythe Mae Tarbox
10-05-15	201 River Road	David George Clapp	Roger Clapp	Alta Galusha
05-23-15	201 River Road	Russell Delmont Cowland	Thomas Cowland	Doria Metcalf
02-13-15	1177 Route 12	Pamela M Fish	Eugene Goodine	Juanita Arnold
06-25-15	201 River Road	Arabella Blanchard Hosegood	Alfred Blanchard	Grace Britton
05-17-15	862 River Road	Richard L Lawson, Sr	Albert Lawson	Alice Stallman
11-27-15	133 Spofford Road	Andrew N Lemnah	Bruce Lemnah	Michele Gauthier
10-05-15	201 River Road	Lois May Nimke	Charles Geer	Edith Alcott
06-12-15	201 River Road	Dennis Payne	William Payne	Ellen Allen

## TOWN OF WESTMORELAND MARRIAGES IN 2015

<u>Bride and Groom</u>	<u>Residences</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
Jason E Cray Amanda L (Moody) Melecio	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	04/18/15	Surry, NH
Kyle P Geddes Jacqueline C Beck	Bow, NH Westmoreland, NH	06/13/15	Harrisville, NH
David T Hession Kali M Lasher-Sommers	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA	07/11/15	Westmoreland, NH
John P Matthews, III Catherine G Gray	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	09/12/15	Jaffrey, NH
Raymond D Rawling, Jr Wendy A Farnham	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	10/03/15	Swanzey, NH
Francis J Riley Kristen N Strazdas	Westmoreland, NH Westmoreland, NH	08/29/15	Westmoreland, NH

## WESTMORELAND DEATHS OUT OF TOWN 2015

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name/Mother's Name</u>
06-02-15	White River Jct, VT	Bradley C Barrett	Raymond Barrett/Frances Caldwell
04-25-15	Keene, NH	Marjorie Childs	Amos Hatt/Mary Hatt
09-01-15	Keene, NH	Emil R Droppa	Matej Droppa/Sophia Droppa
04-19-15	Philadelphia, PA	James Alan Fredette	Hazel A (Forbes) Dunlap
03-04-15	Winchester, NH	Robert Dallas Kalbaugh	Dallas F Kalbaugh/Dorothy Robinson
10-07-15	Keene, NH	Kenneth E Leathers	Everett Leathers/Mary Ann Moore
01-28-15	Lebanon, NH	Linda Norma McQuillin	Martin Ferlin/Norma Nichols



## WESTMORELAND RESIDENT DEATHS AT MAPLEWOOD 2015

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
05/21/15	Eugene Guillaume Aucoin	Simon L Aucoin	Aimee Muise
11/03/15	Fernande Marcelle (Nault) Ash	Wilfred Nault	Annie Bilodeau
04/25/15	Jane (Osborne) Atwood	Earl Osborne	Dorothy Hart
01/10/15	Lucille (Bates) Austin	Warren Bates	Irene Scott
11/08/15	Norma Davis Ball	Norman Davis	Mary Linevitch
05/07/15	Ruth (Davis) Ballou	James Davis	Ethel Bruce
06/30/15	Lillian Abbie Boardman	Clifford Wheeler	Margaret Hammond
02/05/15	Lucille M Carrigan	Philippe Bourque	Alice Soucy
09/05/15	Robert Frederick Coffey	Frederick Coffey	Ruth Corkhum
10/13/15	Harold Raymond Cooke, Jr	Harold R Cooke, Sr	Arlene Whitcomb
02/22/15	Harold E Dodge	Fred F Dodge	Margaret Carr
01/04/15	Lorraine Dustin	Charles Whippie	Marion (Unknown)
04/12/15	John R Elder	George Elder	Thelma Pope
11/13/15	Doris B Gerhold	Edward Graffum	Beatrice Tilton
07/10/15	Philip B Hughgill	George C Hughgill	Dolly Crane
03/21/15	Ernest J Johnson	James J Johnson, Jr	Idel Poisson
04/25/15	Esther Pearl Kelley	Perley E Coburn	Pearl D Johnson
11/28/15	Phyllis M Keeney	Frank E Mottram	Gracie Burroughs
11/25/15	Lucille R LaBarge	Paul Horwald	Margaret (Unknown)
07/03/15	Andrew H LeClair	Harry LeClair	Flora McKinnon
03/24/15	Barbara Leake	Charles Haight	Alice Spangler
03/31/15	Blanche Hope Jeffrey MacFarlane	James C Magee, Sr	Jennie B McPhee
11/01/15	Bryant N MacPherson	Norman MacPherson	Prudence Giroux
06/19/15	Charles Dudley Miller	Dudley Miller	Ruth (Unknown)
12/19/15	Sally A Morgan	Charles Morgan	Florence MacKinnon
04/22/15	Alberta M Ouellette	Clarence A Derby	Evelyn Lancey
12/24/15	Lillian Parker	John Loiselle	Lydia Savoie
11/02/15	Catherine Rozek Pederson	Abraham Rozek	Takla Razook
07/09/15	William J. Proctor	Merton Proctor	Lucille Hurlbut
12/14/15	Joan H Sebert	Ernest Zecha	Rosamand Pierce
02/28/15	Lois Ann Stearns	Fredrick C Stearns	Gertrude Blatchford
05/24/15	Rita Eleanor Talbot	Alfred Talbot	Clara Paquette
11/10/15	Evelyn B Park Thompson	Arthur Park	Ida Severance
04/28/15	Janice M Washburn	Emmons E Drury	Rubena G Harris
12/14/15	Virginia Willard	Hubert Hall	Mary McGrath

### 2015 MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS - DEATHS OUT OF TOWN

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
07/31/15	Barbara Bedard	Keene, NH	Earl Bursiel	Ada Frazier
11-14-15	Joanne L Castle	Keene, NH	Leon F Emerson	Iona M Smith
07/09/15	Judith M Morrill	Keene, NH	William Morrill	Mabel Morrill
04/09/15	Emanoil Rosca	Lebanon, NH	Stephan Rosca	Chira Stan

### OTHER MAPLEWOOD DEATHS 2015

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>
03/27/15	Carl Herman Breuning
11/11/15	Hughena Davis
04/03/15	Muriel Davis
07/23/15	Annette Dockum
03/31/15	Lillian Feeney

### (No Records of Parents Given)

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name</u>
06/25/15	Augusta N Field
01/14/15	James Mastronardi
12/28/15	Edith Josephine Parrott
05/08/15	Barbara I Ricker

# SCHOOL BOARD

*Kurt R. Martin - Stuart R. Adams - Michael J. Acemo, Jr. - Justine Fletcher – Dean R. Priebe*

## **MODERATOR**

*Bruce Smith*

## **CLERK**

*Deb Nelson*

## **TREASURER**

*Melissa Lemnah*

## **AUDITOR**

*Plodzik & Sanderson*

## **N.H. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 29 ADMINISTRATION**

*Robert H. Malay, Superintendent of Schools*

*Dan Black, Assistant Superintendent*

*Timothy L. Ruehr, SAU 29 Business Administrator*

*Janel Swanson, Business Administrator for Towns*

*Nancy Deutsch, Manager of Human Resources*

*Catherine Woods, Director of Special Education*

*Dan Kaplan, Director of Technology*

## **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

The Westmoreland School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Nancy Deutsch, Title IX Coordinator for School Administrative Unit 29, and Director of Human Resources, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire, telephone number (603) 357-9002 ext. 213.

Complaints regarding compliance with Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 504 should be submitted in writing to Catherine Woods, Director of Special Education, 193 Maple Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire, telephone number (603) 357-9001 ext 230.

## **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland Town Hall in said District on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, at 11:00 in the forenoon to act upon the following article. Polls will open at 11:00 a.m., and will close no later than the time of closing the polls for the election of town officials.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary school district officers:  
Two School Board Members for three-year terms  
A Moderator for one-term term  
A Clerk for one-year-term  
A Treasurer for the ensuing year beginning July 1, 2016

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD**

*Kurt R. Martin, Chair*

*Stuart R. Adams*

*Michael J. Acerno, Jr.*

*Justine Fletcher*

*Dean R. Priebe*



## **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Westmoreland qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Westmoreland School Gymnasium in said district on the 11th day of March, 2016, at 7:00 O'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 2: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$3,910,472 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The school board also recommends \$3,910,472.
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) for the purpose of replacing the roof on the south side of the main building and the gymnasium roof, and further to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$65,000 from the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001 for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)*
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the school board to transfer up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund established by voters on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto. Said funds will be transferred from the unassigned fund balance, if any remain on hand at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016. *(The Westmoreland Budget Committee and School Board recommend this warrant article.)*
- ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Westmoreland, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

WESTMORELAND SCHOOL BOARD

*Kurt R. Martin, Chair  
Michael J. Acerno, Jr.  
Stuart R. Adams  
Justine Fletcher  
Dean R. Priebe*

## **Westmoreland School District Meeting**

March 13, 2015

Moderator Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Moderator Smith read information for the origin of the Pledge of Allegiance and then led the Pledge with attendees.

Westmoreland Students Tyler Menard and H. Lee Ackerman IV played the National Anthem on their trumpets.

Moderator Smith asked Mrs. Hunter (School Board Chairperson) to read and present a resolution to Mr. Richard G. Delano for his Fifty (50) years of service to the Westmoreland School and Community.

Moderator Smith stated the results of the recent elections: R. Bruce Smith, Moderator (1 year), Mr. Michael Acerno, and Mr. Stuart Adams School Board Members (3 years), Melissa Lemnah, District Treasurer (1 year), and Debra Nelson, District Clerk (1 year). Moderator Smith introduced the remaining Board Members, Mrs. Debra Hunter, Mrs. Justine Fletcher, and Mr. Kurt Martin. Moderator Smith also introduced Mark Hayward, Jr., Principal and noted the positive feedback he has received from parents and community members regarding Mr. Hayward and his excellent leadership of the Westmoreland School.

Moderator Smith introduced the SAU 29 personnel in attendance this evening: Mr. Reuben Duncan, Assistant Superintendent, Towns and Mrs. Janel Swanson, Business Manager, Towns. Also introduced was Mike Davey from EEI (Energy Efficient Investments, Inc.).

Moderator Smith outlined the rules and regulations for Article I which is a bond article and proceeded to read. Article I: *To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450, 000 to address elements of the energy efficiency audit to include the replacement of Westmoreland School's boilers as well as the fuel delivery, storage systems and controls, and related expenditures to complete the project, and further to authorize the issuance of not more than \$450,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, and also to determine the rate of interest thereon.* Mrs. Hunter moved Article I and it was seconded by Mr. Acerno.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion: Mr. Adams spoke to the article saying that the Facilities Committee has been working with EEI for the past year to improve our efficiency with heating the Westmoreland School. Currently there are three heating systems within the building.

Mr. Robert Moore, Jr. noted that when Moderator Smith read the article he may have missed a sentence regarding the first year interest payment of \$9,100.00.

Mr. David Harville made a motion to amend Article I as it was read to include the sentence

Mr. Wesley Staples inquired if it was included in the final budget that was signed by the Budget Committee.

*And further to raise and appropriate the first year's interest payment in the amount of up to \$9,100.00.* Seconded by Mr. Harry Ackerman.

Mrs. Swanson explained that the town report information needed to be submitted to go to the printer so the draft warrant was printed and not the final warrant so that community members would receive the Annual Town Report before the Town and District Meetings.

Moderator Smith asked for further discussion on the amendment, hearing none, asked for a voice vote, the motion passed.



Moderator Smith read Article I again in its entirety as amended: *To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 to address elements of the energy efficiency audit to include the replacement of Westmoreland School's boilers as well as the fuel delivery, storage systems and controls, and related expenditures to complete the project, and further to authorize the issuance of not more than \$450,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, and also to determine the rate of interest thereon; or to take any other action in relation thereto. And further to raise and appropriate the first year's interest payment in the amount of up to \$9,100.* Mrs. Hunter moved Article I, it was seconded by Mr. Acerno.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion: Mr. Adams introduced Mike Davey from EEI to explain the project. Mr. Davey noted that Westmoreland School has more heating systems than any other school he has been in. The heating systems do not talk to one another and at times even work against each other. The air ventilation in the building does not meet today's code/standards. The project could receive an estimated \$20,000.00 in grants to offset costs. It would be one boiler that would be fueled by propane and/or oil, have an automated system to monitor the building temperatures etc. from within or outside the building and also update lighting through-out the building.

Mr. David Harville inquired what the time frame for the project would be. Mr. Davey stated it would be completed over the summer.

Mr. Timothy DeFreitas inquired where the energy savings will come back to. Mr. Davey noted it would be in your utilities line items.

Mrs. Justine Fletcher stated that this is the maximum allowable amount to complete the project but it could very well come in under this budgeted amount.

Mr. Kurt Martin asked Mr. Davey if this project is voted down and the current system fails what is the cost. Mr. Davey responded that the cost would be in the area of \$240,000.00.

Mr. Robert Moore, Jr. stated that only one person came to the Bond Hearing (himself) and the discussion that night included a five vs ten year bond with a savings of about \$45,000.00 for five years, and inquired what the Board decided for a timeline. Mr. Adams responded that this would be a five year bond.

Moderator Smith asked for any further discussion, hearing none, opened the voting process at 7:42 pm. While waiting for the voting to close Mr. Hayward reported on what our recent Westmoreland Students post graduate plans included but were not limited to: 2013: 4 entered the work force and others were attending: Harding University, Southern Maine Community College, Keene State College, Plymouth State University, and the Military. 2014: 2 entered the workforce, Dartmouth College, Greenfield community College, Keene State College. Lakes Region Community College, Nicholas College, Plymouth State College, River Valley Community College, University of New Hampshire, and University of Rhode Island,

8:42 pm voting closed and ballots counted. Moderator Smith reports voting for Article I: 41 Yes votes 2 No votes, Article I passed.

Moderator Smith read Article II: *To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.* Mrs. Hunter moved Article II and was seconded by Mr. Acerno.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion, hearing none, asked for a voice vote, Article II passed.

Moderator Smith read. Article III: *To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of \$3,573,846 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. The school board recommends \$3, 573, 846.* Mrs. Hunter moved Article III and was seconded by Mr. Acerno.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion, hearing none, asked for a voice vote, Article III passed.

Moderator Smith read Article IV: *To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) of its unassigned fund balance, if any remain on hand at the end of fiscal year June 30, 2015, to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of major renovation/ reconstruction of school buildings and related costs, or to take any other action in relation thereto.* Mrs. Hunter moved Article IV, and was seconded by Mr. Acerno.

Moderator Smith asked for discussion, hearing none, asked for a voice vote, Article IV passed.

Moderator Smith read Article V: *To see if the District will vote to appropriate and authorize the school board to transfer up to Twenty-Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$26,130) of its unassigned fund balance, if any, remaining on hand at the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2015, to the Special Education/ High School Tuition Fund established by the voters of the District on March 16, 2001, for the purpose of paying future year unanticipated special education and/or high school tuitions or to take any other action in relation thereto, If there is an insufficient, undesignated fund balance as of June 30, 2015 to fund this appropriation and the appropriation in Article 4 (Capital Reserve Fund), Article 4 will be funded first, with any additional surplus to be applied to this warrant article.* Mrs. Hunter moved Article V, and was seconded by Mr. Acerno,

Moderator Smith asked for discussion: Mr. Acerno stated that the \$26,130.00 is equal to one Special Education student's tuition at Keene High School. This fund was started in 2001 and has a balance of \$ 160,000 as of this year. Mr. Robert Moore, Jr feels the \$450,000.00 that was given in. Article I and historically there are funds left over-perhaps this year they should go back to taxpayers towards the bond payment. Mr. Kurt Martin asked Mrs. Swanson for the exact balance in the Trust, she replied \$161,633.00. Mr. Mark Hayward, Jr. noted that smaller towns have more than our town and continue to add to it due to the skyrocketing costs of special education. Moderator Smith asked for any further discussion, hearing none, asked for a voice vote, Article V passed.

Moderator Smith read Article VI: *To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.* Mrs. Hunter moved Article VI, and was seconded by Mr. Acerno.

Moderator Smith asked for any other business. Mr. Mark Hayward, Jr. thanked Ms. Nancy Sandahl for her work on creating a children's version of the Westmoreland Town History with the help of our Media Specialist Mr. Robert Stack, the book should be back soon from the publisher. Mr. Hayward also thanked Ms. Sandahl's for all her work with bringing *Old Home Days* celebration back to Westmoreland. Moderator Smith asked for any other business to come before the meeting, hearing none, asked for a voice vote, Article VI passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra J. Nelson  
District Clerk

A true copy of record attest:



Debra J. Nelson  
District Clerk



**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**  
for the  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015  
**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Cash on hand July 1, 2014 (Treasurer's bank balance) \$ 249,275.89**

**RECEIPTS**

Current Tax Appropriation	2,531,253.00
Revenue from State Sources	848,256.63
Revenue from Federal Sources	7,971.00
Received from all other sources	71,720.44

Total Receipts	3,459,201.07
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**TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR (Balance + Receipts) \$ 3,708,476.96**

**EXPENSES**

SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	3,598,693.78
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**Balance on hand June 30, 2015 (Treasurer's Bank Balance) \$ 109,783.18**



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Melissa A. Lemnah,  
District Treasurer

**DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**  
**FY 2015**

<b>FROM WHOM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Bank	Interest	298.66
Federal Government	Federal lunch Reimbursement	897.75
Federal Government	REAP	7,073.25
Other	Background Checks Reimbursement	325.00
Other	Fairpoint: E-Rate	10,822.08
Other	Government Surplus	25,138.48
Other	NH Retirement Refund	631.87
Other	UNH - Healthy Eating Project	1,500.00
Other	Westmoreland School; Field Trip	190.00
Other	Westmoreland School; Return of Funds	79.84
Other	Worker's Comp Refund	245.36
Parents	Lunch Program	30,134.84
Parents	Transportation (bus money)	1,754.31
Parents	Tuition Payments	600.00
State of NH	Building Aid	28,230.00
State of NH	Cat Aid	20,964.30
State of NH	Equitable Aid	676,872.80
State of NH	IDEA	33,177.14
State of NH	Medicaid	19,296.30
State of NH	Medicare	2,929.79
State of NH	Project Reimbursement	101.39
State of NH	Retirement	339.28
State of NH	Title I	28,780.31
State of NH	Title II	8,859.23
State of NH	USDA	28,706.09
Town	Tax Appropriation	2,531,253.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR    3,459,201.07**



## WESTMORELAND STAFF & GRADUATES

### Westmoreland School 2015-2016 Staff

Mark Hayward-Principal  
Kendra DiLegge-School Counselor  
Debra Nelson-Secretary  
Jennifer Wilcox-SPED Teacher  
Zak Blake-80% SPED Teacher

Rachael Fowler-Kindergarten Teacher  
Stacy Riendeau-Grade 1  
Karen Durling-Grade 2  
Leslie Carlson-Grade 3  
Henry Bailly-Grade 4  
Caragh McManus- (5) MS Mathematics  
Cheryl Patty- (6) MS Science  
Melissa Crotto- (7) Young-MS Langue Arts  
Paul Deschenes- (8) MS Social Studies  
David Sontag-PE/Health  
Danielle Barney-Reading Specialist  
Robert Stack-Media Generalist  
Jennifer Bissonnette-Music  
Rebecca LaQuerre-Art  
Greenough Nowakoski-Spanish

Jill Gourley-Nurse  
Marcia Winchester-Kitchen Manager  
Helen Kendall-Kitchen Aide  
Robert Miles-Custodian  
Mike Finnell-Custodian

Amy Royce-Title One  
Susanne Bates-Title One  
Kathy Sportello-SPED Aide  
Beth Pearce-SPED Aide  
Nancy McKenna-Classroom Aide

### Westmoreland Graduates

#### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

H. (Lee) Ackerman IV  
Lydia Bunszel  
Gibson Gitchell  
Carly Giza  
Zoey Gomarlo  
Lexi Grace  
Calvin (Jake) Harville  
Anna Lilly  
Andrea Majewski  
Maria Majewski  
Hanna Mesic  
Alexis Morton  
Nicholas Nadeau  
Lucas Piers  
Nathan Priebe  
Thomas Prock  
Emmaline Riendeau  
Desirae Russell  
Erin Scanlan  
Samantha Jo Shapiro

#### 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Emily Nichole Bunszel  
Molly Shannon Fifield  
Brennan J Geiss  
Jeremiah Elias Huntley  
Lydia H. Hurley  
Christian Klein  
Ross P. O'Neil  
Emmaline Olmstead  
Jaden Elizabeth Rancourt  
Michael Ira Schulman  
Jacob Robert Shelley

## DISTRICT REPORT

This school year we began with a focus on our core values as a school and our theme “Bulldogs C.A.R.E.”, which stands for **Community, Attitude, Responsibility, and Excellence**. These themes are something that we talked about as a school to start the year and teachers are encouraged to continue to remind our students about what those words mean for us. I am also including our school mission statement below which is always at the front of our student/parent handbook.

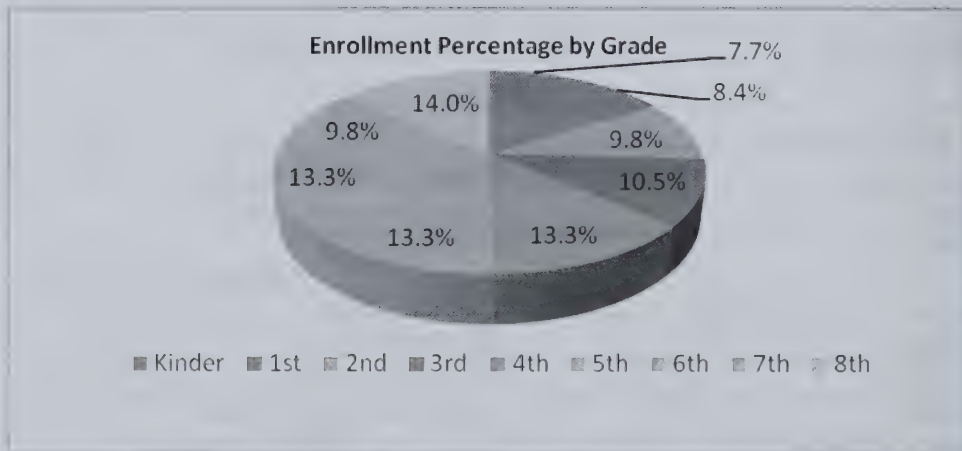
### Mission Statement of the Westmoreland School

At Westmoreland School, we believe that quality education is a fundamental right of all children. The education and social development of each child is the shared responsibility of the community, school, parents, and the child. We strive to provide each child with the skills they will need to face the challenges of a changing world. As a community of lifelong learners, we will treat each other as worthwhile individuals.

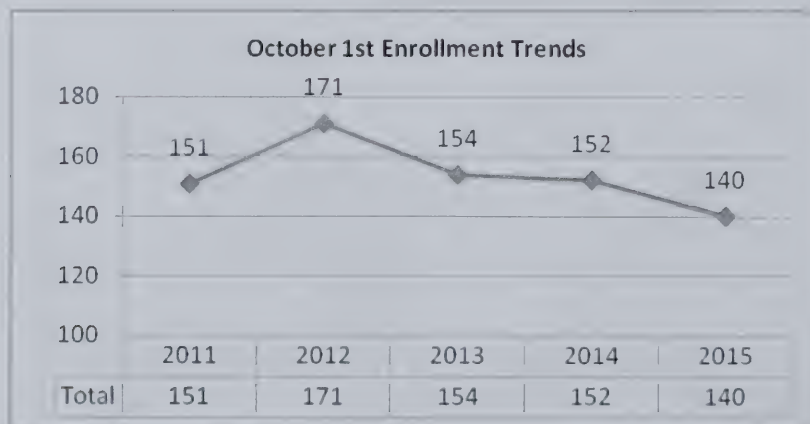
### Enrollment

This past fall we were excited to welcome 11 kindergarten students to Westmoreland School bringing our overall enrollment as of **January 5, 2016** to 143 students. Here are the current class sizes:

K-11	3-15	6-19
1-12	4-19	7-14
2-14	5-19	8-20



A look at the enrollment trend from 2011-2015 (as of October 1<sup>st</sup>)





### **School Facility Maintenance**

Last summer there were some major improvements to the facility of our school that you probably would not notice if you were to walk through the building. The main change was the massive overhaul of our heating and energy systems that for most of the summer made the interior of the building a huge mess as the old ducts/infrastructure in the ceilings and walls were removed and new ones installed. Over the past couple of years we have been working with an organization called Energy Efficient Investment (EEI) Services. EEI oversaw this project and also secured energy rebates with Eversource/PSNH. Eversource sent a representative to our October School Board meeting and presented us with a higher than anticipated energy project rebate check of \$37,127.50, which goes toward paying off the project costs.

This project also included the elimination of our old furnace and boiler rooms and added a new propane system to the newer boiler room. This propane system replaced one of the oil boilers while leaving the other as a back up system. New propane tanks were installed next to the generator and the gym heaters were also removed and an air handler installed above the athletic office. The whole school is now under one energy system that is controlled with a digital/online control program that maximizes efficiency by adjusting energy use in order to increase output during the day as needed and lowering it at night and on weekends, vacations, etc. New insulating materials were also added around the envelope of the building to limit heat loss, and new energy efficient lighting fixtures were installed in the gym and middle school wing.

### **Community Support**

The Student of the Month Lion's Club Luncheon is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and we are happy to be able to continue it again with the ongoing support of the Westmoreland Lion's Club (which Principal Hayward recently joined as a member) and the great job done hosting the event by the Westmoreland Village Store and Eatery. Residents are welcome to stop by and see the pictures of the honored students with their certificates of recognition, which are proudly displayed in the front lobby of the school. We also would like to thank the Lion's Club for continuing to work with us by financially supporting our yearly reward event for students and for the holiday gifts/support they give each year.

The PTA Fun Run was again a great community event this past year and we hope people will continue to help keep it successful. We would love to increase the amount of participants (of all ages and abilities) that we had this past spring. Please come and walk, run, or just volunteer along the course and cheer on our participants. The Westmoreland Public Library has also consistently been a great partner presenting outstanding programs for our young readers who look forward to their visits to the library and we appreciate the incredible outreach work the library staff puts together.

### **New Faculty**

After our new music teacher had to resign a couple of months into the year, we have been fortunate to have Mr. Carlson Barrett back as a long-term sub. We also have a new Special Education teacher, Jennifer Wilcox (replacing Mrs. Castagna) and also welcomed back Special Education teacher Mr. Zakery Blake.

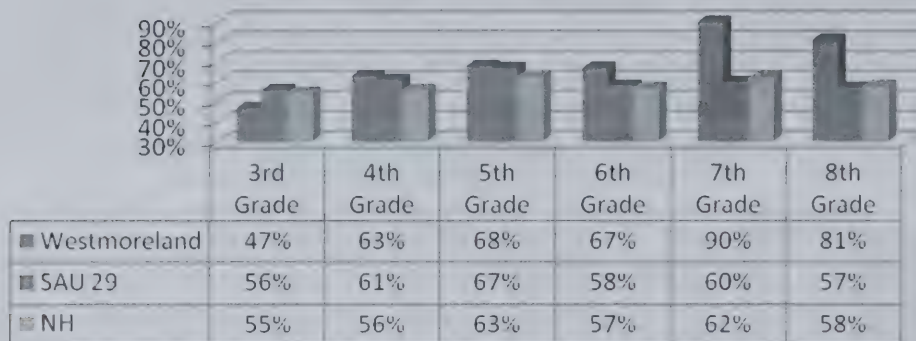
In addition, we welcomed Danielle Barney as our new Reading Specialist and Dave Maclean as a tutor in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

### **Academics**

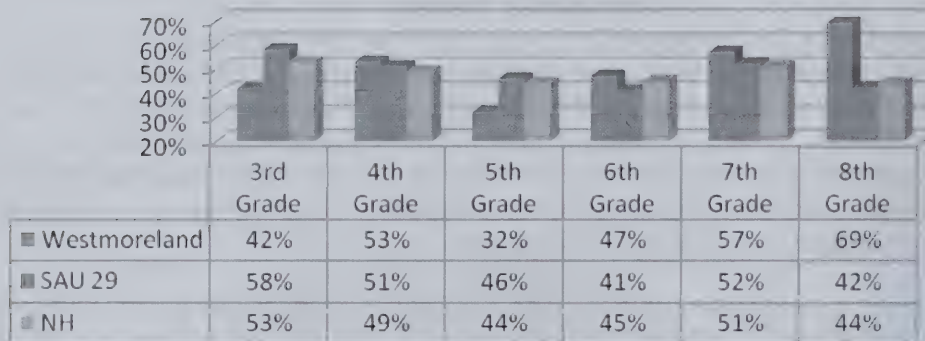
We would like to congratulate Katie Chamberlin as the Valedictorian and Eleanor Hayward as the Salutatorian of the Westmoreland School graduating class of 2015. We had 17 students participate in the commencement ceremonies and most moved on to Keene High School where they have been doing well.

The new statewide Smarter Balanced test results were something that we were looking forward to this past fall, after grades 3-8 took the tests for the first time last spring. Overall as a school, we had 69% of students tested with scores at Level 3 or above in ELA/Literacy (58% =NH avg.) and 50% at Level 3 or above in Math (46% = NH avg.)

### 2015 Smarter Balanced English/Language Arts Results - % At or Above Expectation

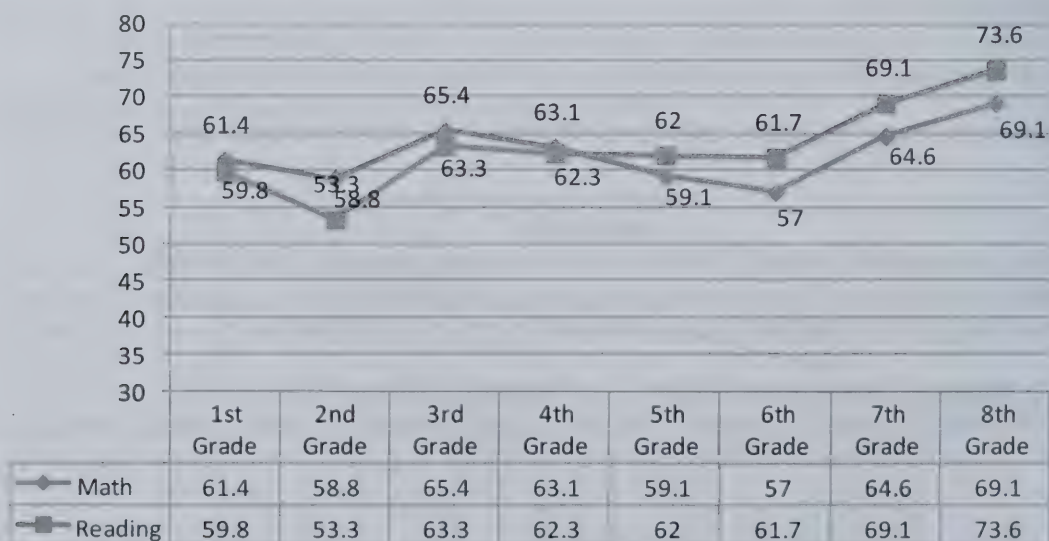


### 2015 Smarter Balanced Mathematics Results - At or Above Expectation



Below is the combined average percentile ranking for the NWEA Test administered annually in the fall and spring. Please note the upward trajectory in both reading and math as students leave Westmoreland School for Keene High School.

### NWEA Average Test Percentiles 2010-2015





This past fall our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students continued the tradition of participating in the Cheshire YMCA's American Heritage Tour (AHT) in September, and many 7<sup>th</sup> graders participate in the New England Heritage Tour (NEHT) in October. We also sent the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the Sargent Center's Outdoor Education program in September during the AHT week. These programs continue to be a big part of our students' learning experiences and offer great opportunities that have a positive impact on the life of each student who participates.

### **Arts and Enrichment**

Our students continue to enjoy and benefit from our fine arts program led by our Art teacher Mrs. LaQuerre. Mrs. LaQuerre has continued to display great examples of our student's artwork in the front lobby case and in the multi-purpose room for everyone to enjoy.

We also are honored to have the New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI) program each week for grades 4-8, with a large number of students who will perform over Memorial Day weekend at Keene State College. For our younger students we had an excellent NHDI residency program here in January led by Lisa Cook for grades K-3.

### **Athletics and Wellness**

We had a large number of students participate in the 4th Annual DeMar Kid's Marathon in the fall, where students had to log in at least 25 miles of running over the summer and then complete one final mile during marathon day to make it an overall marathon length achievement. All of this and more is part of the bigger Healthy Monadnock 2020 (formerly Vision 2020) community initiative in which Westmoreland School has been an active participant.

On the middle school sports front, it was a great soccer season with another beautiful weekend for our annual tournament. (Melissa Lemnah and Emma Clason returned to coach girls' and boys' soccer). Our basketball teams have had a great start to the season this winter (led by Coach Amy Royce for the boys and Coach Caragh McManus for the girls). Softball and baseball both did well last spring with the softball team going undefeated to all town/league teams for the second year in a row.

### **WYSI**

As always, the Westmoreland Youth Sports Inc., group (led by Gina Gitchell, Craig Day, Kevin Hildreth, Melissah Lemnah and Christy Dewey) is a huge asset to all our sports programs at the school and around the town, tirelessly putting together numerous opportunities for participation, helping to maintain athletic facilities, and fundraising to support our programs. Thank you especially to Christy Dewey and everyone else who worked so hard to make the soccer tournament another success.

### **Community Service**

The middle school students at Westmoreland School performed a total of **530 hours** of work in order to fulfill their Social Studies Community Service assignments. In addition, they also raised a total of \$132.50 for local charities.

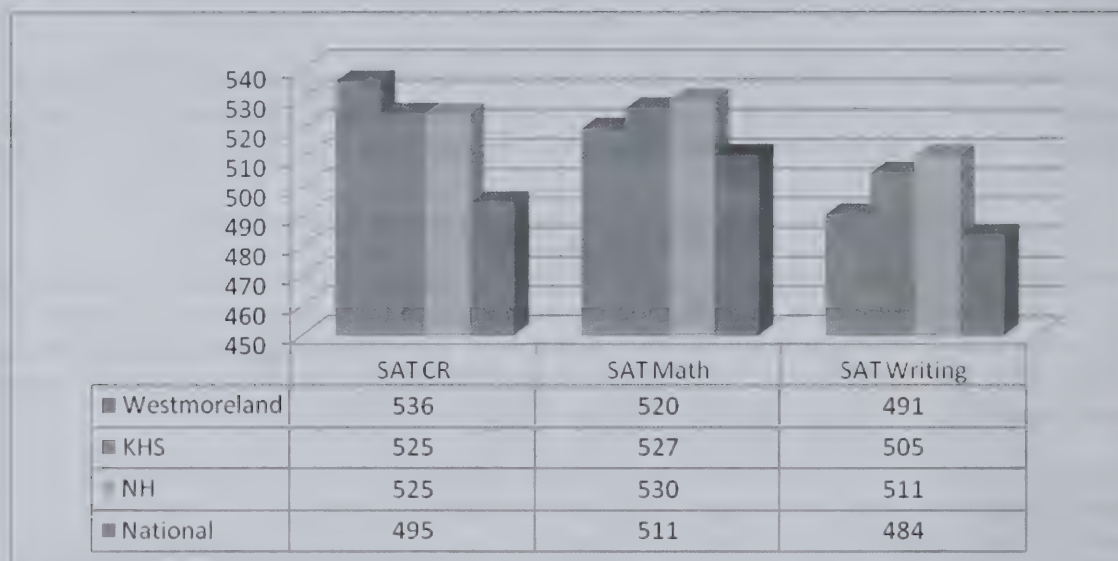
Local organizations that benefited from the volunteer service of these young people include: the Westmoreland School, library, cemetery committee, fire department, holiday bazaar, Maplewood, garden club, PTA, WYSBO, the Sno-Belters and the village store. Other organizations that benefited include 4H, Thompson Nursing Home, Wyman Tavern, Monadnock Humane Society, Keene Montessori, Oxford Breeders, Keene High Boosters, NHDI, Claremont Head Start, YMCA, Keene Community Kitchen, Boy Scouts, Friends of Pisgah, Big E, Dusty Dog Farm, Heaven Can Wait Farm, Fast Friends, Meadowaire Farm, Minute Men Terriers, and the Swanzey Congregational Church.

Also, Mrs. Patty and the Student Council led their yearly school-wide non-perishable food drive to collect food for the Community Kitchen in Keene. This year we collected over **1300 pounds** of food that was delivered before the holidays.

### Westmoreland Students at Keene High School

In October, Keene High School Principal Jim Logan and Assistant Principal Bill Chiasson reported on how Westmoreland students were doing at KHS. During school year 2014-2015 Westmoreland had 72 students at KHS making up 5.1% of the overall enrollment at the high school and nearly 60% of our high school students participated in a grand total of 85 student activities. Westmoreland students took a total of 19 advanced placement courses which represents 7.4% of the total at KHS. Our student attendance rate (97.8%) was higher than the KHS average (96.6%) and our student's grade point average (3.06) was also above the school average (2.83).

Below is a look at how our Westmoreland students performed on the SAT:



### PTA

The PTA (led by Melissa Lemnah, Ellen Lavasseur, Liz Giza, and Amy Farrington) has continued to be a strong supporter of Westmoreland School this year and has run some great programs for our school community. In addition to the efforts previously mentioned, they also donate funds for staff members to purchase additional resources and pursue special initiatives. Besides many other activities, they also organize the back-to-school Meet and Greet in August, Teacher Appreciation Week, Reflections Program, Book Fair, School/Town Calendar, and the Spring Fun Run.

And, you can still help the PTA and Westmoreland School very easily with your shopping choices. (Unfortunately, Target is eliminating their "Take Charge of Education" program, but thank you to all who have participated over the last several years.) Now there is also the PTA Amazon Smiles program, where you can simply go to this site: <http://smile.amazon.com/>, search for Westmoreland PTA, and then its just regular shopping on Amazon with our PTA getting the proceeds.

### Volunteers

We would like to thank our volunteers (Ann Ray and Kathy Cox) in the America Reads program who come to the school every week to work with our young learners. We thank Jen Harville, Amy Farrington, Michelle Priebe, and Anne Chamberlin for all their hard work on the Reflections Program; Kristen Chamberlin for assisting Stacy Riendeau with the spring talent show; Beth Smith for all her help with our library/media center; Diane Stetson for taking over the PTA community calendar project; and Jaime Russell for leading the PTA book fair and all the parents who volunteered that week. In sports, Tom Patty for helping with baseball, Nick Royce for helping with basketball, and for the all the parents who coached the rec. sports teams throughout the year. Lastly, I would like to again thank Mary Bradley for her help with our middle school Nature/Horticulture Club. This year Mrs. Bradley and the students have created an outdoor classroom that has been used and appreciated by several of our classes. We plan to continue to encourage more real-world, hands-on learning to keep students active, engaged, and educated about our environment.



To all our hard working parents and community volunteers, we are thankful for their time, commitment, and dedication.

### **SAT**

After one year, the Smarter Balanced exam has been replaced. In early March, all juniors at Keene High School will now take the SAT exam. All 11th grade students will take the test on Wednesday morning, March 2, 2016 at Keene High School. The primary reasons for this change is to reduce the amount of time spent on statewide standardized testing and use an assessment that is more closely aligned to college readiness standards. The SAT will cover English language arts (reading, writing) and mathematics. The test will be free for all 11th graders, including the Essay portion that is considered optional under the State's guidelines. Keene High School will pay for all to complete the essay.

### **Competency-Based Grading**

As several districts in New Hampshire move toward a performance assessment model (Transfer Tasks) through PACE and Competency Based Education, SAU 29 has also started to build a foundation for this move in future years. Beginning this school year, students in grades K-8 will take newly designed performance tasks in both ELA and Math. The goal is to move to a model of an assessment that focuses on the academic competencies students should master. As an SAU, our goal is to better measure student achievement in a more authentic and timely fashion. In time, the goal is for teachers to give the same assessments and meet with each other to compare results, better norm their assessment practices, determine future adaptations to the curriculum, and work on improving instruction together.

### **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

The Act was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015 and replaces the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The Act authorizes an additional \$1.2 billion for schools nationwide and allows more flexibility with federal grants, particularly Title II. NH will form a task force to address ESSA which will go into effect with the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Common Vision**

SAU 29 released a common vision value survey in early January seeking input from various stakeholders including students, parents, staff members, school board members, and taxpayers. The purpose of the survey was to gather input into the key elements valued most in SAU 29 schools. The results of the survey will be used to develop a common vision for all SAU 29 school districts.

### **Communications**

This past fall, SAU 29 launched SMS text messaging and mobile app initiatives as a means to broaden the scope of communications throughout SAU 29. Since the launch of the SMS text feature, nearly 2,500 users have subscribed. The mobile app allows members of the public who are not directly affiliated with SAU 29 schools to receive emergency information and news alerts pertaining to SAU 29 schools. To opt-in, subscribers need to text subscribe to **68453**. The SAU 29 mobile app may be downloaded for free from the App Store for Apple Devices or through Google Play for Android devices.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year the SAU will employ a part-time public information coordinator to assist with promoting all of our schools and districts. The coordinator will be responsible for the social media aspect of touting the happenings in all school buildings as well as communicating to stakeholders through print media.

### **Policy Alignment**

A policy alignment study was recently completed for all district and SAU policies. The result is a better understanding of the areas where efforts need to be focused in order to update/revise policies as necessary as well as to adopt policies required by law. In accordance with Ed 303 Duties of School Board, under Ed 303.01 Substantive Duties, each school board shall adopt policies necessary and desirable to control and effectuate the operations of the district.

Mark P. Hayward, Jr.  
Principal

Kurt R. Martin  
School Board Chair

Robert H. Malay  
Superintendent of Schools

Historical School Tax Chart	Year	Rate	Total School Tax Dollars	State Ed. Aid	% Tax Change from Previous Year
	2006-07	\$9.47	\$1,881,499	\$601,430	
	2007-08	\$9.99	\$2,002,834	\$631,502	6.45%
	2008-09	\$10.13	\$2,054,100	\$631,502	2.56%
	2009-10	\$10.49	\$2,138,441	\$648,046	4.11%
	2010-11	\$10.92	\$2,234,211	\$614,399	4.48%
	2011-12	\$13.75	\$2,394,596	\$614,400	7.18%
	2012-13	\$13.76	\$2,393,454	\$614,400	-0.05%
	2013-14	\$14.96	\$2,593,715	\$663,552	8.37%
	2014-15	\$14.53	\$2,531,253	\$676,873	-2.41%
	2015-16	\$14.50	\$2,531,444	\$731,023	0.01%
budget article only	2016-17	\$16.35	\$2,855,700	\$712,034	12.81%
with warrant articles	2016-17	\$16.44	\$2,870,700	\$712,034	13.40%

**DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES  
AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PER RSA 32:11-a

	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 ACTUAL
<b>REVENUE</b>		
State Adequacy Aid for Special Ed.	\$60,600	\$53,994
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$37,603	\$32,007
Medicaid Reim.	\$19,143	\$17,644
Catastrophic Aid	\$30,427	\$20,964
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$147,772</b>	<b>\$124,609</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Instruction and Services	\$507,876	\$600,189
Transportation	\$22,625	\$16,215
IDEA Entitlement Grant	\$37,603	\$32,007
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$568,104</b>	<b>\$648,411</b>
<b>NET COST</b>	<b>\$420,331</b>	<b>\$523,801</b>



**WESTMORELAND  
2015-2016 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET  
ESTIMATED REVENUES**

<b>REVENUE ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>2015-16 BUDGET</b>	<b>2016-17 PROPOSED</b>	<b>% INCREASE</b>	<b>\$ INCREASE</b>
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$72,597	\$60,000		
<b>Local Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$2,134,183</b>	<b>\$2,467,219</b>	<b>15.60%</b>	<b>\$333,036</b>
Tuition	\$600	\$300		
Transport. Fees	\$1,600	\$1,600		
Interest	\$300	\$350		
Lunch Local	\$55,000	\$55,000		
Service Provided Other Districts	\$0	\$37,500		
E-Rate Reimbursement/Other	\$9,300	\$9,300		
<b>N.H. Property Tax</b>	<b>\$397,261</b>	<b>\$388,481</b>	<b>-2.21%</b>	<b>-\$8,780</b>
<b>N.H Adequacy Aid</b>	<b>\$731,023</b>	<b>\$712,034</b>	<b>-2.60%</b>	<b>-\$18,989</b>
N.H. Building Aid	\$26,730	\$26,730		
N.H. Catastrophic Aid	\$19,352	\$24,958		
N.H. Child Nutrition	\$2,000	\$2,000		
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$15,000	\$7,000		
Federal Funds	\$90,000	\$90,000		
Lunch - Federal	\$28,000	\$28,000		
Transfer to Trust Funds	\$41,130	\$0		
Sale of Bond	\$0	\$0		
Transfer from Trust Funds	\$0	\$0		
Prior Year Transfer	\$0	\$0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,624,076</b>	<b>\$3,910,472</b>	<b>7.90%</b>	<b>\$286,396</b>

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET 12.81% \$324,256  
(Local and State School Tax)

TAX RATE INCREASE FROM PROPOSED BUDGET \$1.8522

TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000 \$185.22

<b>WARRANT ARTICLE PROJECTED TAX IMPACT</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>TAX IMPACT</b>
Warrant Article #2 (School Budget)	\$3,910,472	\$2,855,700	\$1.85
Warrant Article #3 (Roof Replacement from Capital Reserve)	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Warrant Article #4 (Surplus to Bldg Cap. Res. Fund)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,925,472</b>	<b>\$2,870,700</b>	<b>\$1.94</b>
 TOTAL BUDGET WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		\$3,925,472	
BUDGET INCREASE WITH ALL ARTICLES		\$301,396	8.3%
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WITH ALL WARRANT ARTICLES		13.40%	
TAX RATE INCREASE FROM BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES		\$1.9379	
TAX IMPACT ON HOUSE ASSESSED FOR \$100,000		\$193.79	

**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2014-15	ACTUAL 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17	% CHANGE
					% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$1,995,337	\$1,739,161	\$1,973,333	\$2,067,590	4.78%
ELEMENTARY DEBT SERVICE	\$93,957	\$93,956	\$94,700	\$143,150	51.16%
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	\$374,389	\$335,615	\$374,730	\$419,334	11.90%
					10.72%
TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST	\$2,463,683	\$2,168,733	\$2,442,763	\$2,630,074	7.67%
					67.26%
HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS (Regular Education students)	\$761,158	\$771,002	\$750,240	\$875,748	16.73%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Reg)	\$52,000	\$52,277	\$54,943	\$56,238	2.36%
HIGH SCHOOL SPEC. INSTRUC.	\$241,722	\$235,604	\$209,040	\$182,910	-12.50%
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORT.(Sp)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
					0.00%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COST	\$1,054,880	\$1,058,883	\$1,014,223	\$1,114,896	9.93%
					28.51%
SAU #29	\$179,155	\$179,155	\$167,090	\$165,502	-0.95%
					4.23%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,697,718	\$3,406,771	\$3,624,076	\$3,910,472	7.90%
					100.00%
DEFICIT APPROPRIATION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL	\$3,697,718	\$3,406,771	\$3,624,076	\$3,910,472	7.90%
					100.00%



**WESTMORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET (SUMMARY)**

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	BUDGET 2014-15	ACTUAL 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17		
<b>ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION</b> (GRADES K-8 - 153 Students Projected)						
<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>						
Salaries	\$644,283	\$638,611	\$654,137	\$689,070		
Benefits	\$304,066	\$282,353	\$300,495	\$374,736		
Purchased Instructional Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Repair Equipment	\$2,500	\$647	\$2,500	\$2,500		
Supplies/Workbooks/Textbooks	\$19,479	\$17,107	\$26,729	\$19,976		
Equipment	\$3,000	\$3,075	\$3,220	\$3,100		
Furniture	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$800		
<b>TOTAL REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$973,828</b>	<b>\$942,294</b>	<b>\$987,081</b>	<b>\$1,090,182</b>	<b>10.45%</b>	<b>27.88%</b>
<b>CO-CURRICULAR</b>						
Salaries & Benefits	\$15,517	\$13,207	\$18,956	\$19,949		
Assemblies/Officials	\$6,140	\$3,840	\$2,996	\$2,996		
Supplies/Awards/Misc.	\$2,350	\$2,116	\$2,350	\$2,350		
Dues and Fees	\$2,705	\$1,820	\$3,105	\$3,123		
<b>TOTAL EXTRACURRICULAR</b>	<b>\$26,712</b>	<b>\$20,983</b>	<b>\$27,407</b>	<b>\$28,418</b>	<b>3.69%</b>	<b>0.73%</b>
<b>SCHOOL SERVICES</b>						
Guidance	\$31,677	\$29,718	\$32,217	\$38,608		
Health	\$24,199	\$24,232	\$25,124	\$25,975		
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$55,876</b>	<b>\$53,950</b>	<b>\$57,341</b>	<b>\$64,583</b>	<b>12.63%</b>	<b>1.65%</b>

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2014-15	ACTUAL 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17	% CHANGE % TOTAL BUDGET
<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b>					
Continuum Salaries/Benefits	\$1,003	\$2,574	\$1,859	\$1,859	
Course Reimbursement	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000	
Management Development	\$2,000	\$355	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Staff Development	\$4,000	\$3,190	\$4,000	\$4,000	
Travel	\$0	\$214	\$0	\$0	
Professional Books/Periodicals	\$200	\$225	\$200	\$200	
<b>TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$16,203</b>	<b>\$6,557</b>	<b>\$17,059</b>	<b>\$17,059</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
					<b>0.44%</b>
<b>EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>					
Salary & Benefits	\$60,992	\$60,499	\$75,523	\$81,057	
Library Books & Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,281	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Equipment/Software	\$1,000	\$443	\$1,000	\$1,000	
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MEDIA</b>	<b>\$64,992</b>	<b>\$63,223</b>	<b>\$79,523</b>	<b>\$85,057</b>	<b>6.96%</b>
					<b>2.18%</b>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD/DISTRICT OFFICERS</b>					
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,243	\$2,918	\$3,262	\$3,283	
Legal/Audit Services	\$8,250	\$7,031	\$8,450	\$8,600	
Other School District Expenses	\$1,225	\$1,274	\$2,225	\$1,225	
<b>TOTAL SCH. BD./DIST. OFFICERS</b>	<b>\$12,718</b>	<b>\$11,223</b>	<b>\$13,937</b>	<b>\$13,108</b>	<b>-5.95%</b>
					<b>0.34%</b>



Budget Committee's & School Board's						
	BUDGET 2014-15	ACTUAL 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Principal's Salary	\$76,112	\$77,000	\$79,695	\$81,369		
Secretary's Salary	\$34,081	\$30,895	\$34,846	\$32,004		
Benefits	\$44,741	\$48,211	\$46,060	\$64,533		
Copier / Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,352	\$1,500	\$1,600		
Telephone	\$9,500	\$9,318	\$10,700	\$10,700		
Postage/Printing	\$700	\$600	\$700	\$700		
Supplies/Mileage	\$2,100	\$695	\$2,100	\$2,100		
Software	\$2,616	\$2,028	\$2,715	\$2,654		
Equipment/Furniture	\$200	\$1,047	\$200	\$200		
Professional Dues	\$400	\$324	\$400	\$0		
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$171,950	\$171,471	\$178,916	\$195,860	9.47%	5.01%
BUILDING SERVICES						
Salaries	\$55,367	\$53,578	\$56,639	\$57,195		
Benefits	\$30,033	\$28,894	\$29,319	\$32,669		
Rubbish Removal	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500		
Maintenance Services	\$16,300	\$14,279	\$16,300	\$16,450		
Repairs to Building	\$30,000	\$5,084	\$30,000	\$30,000		
Special Projects	\$20,000	\$17,476	\$0	\$0		
Property/Liability Insurance	\$5,750	\$5,451	\$5,750	\$5,750		
Supplies/Materials	\$10,000	\$7,871	\$10,000	\$10,000		
Electricity	\$24,500	\$24,675	\$24,500	\$24,500		
Oil/ Propane	\$31,250	\$29,780	\$31,250	\$18,800		
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL BUILDING SERVICES	\$226,700	\$187,089	\$207,258	\$198,864	-4.05%	5.09%

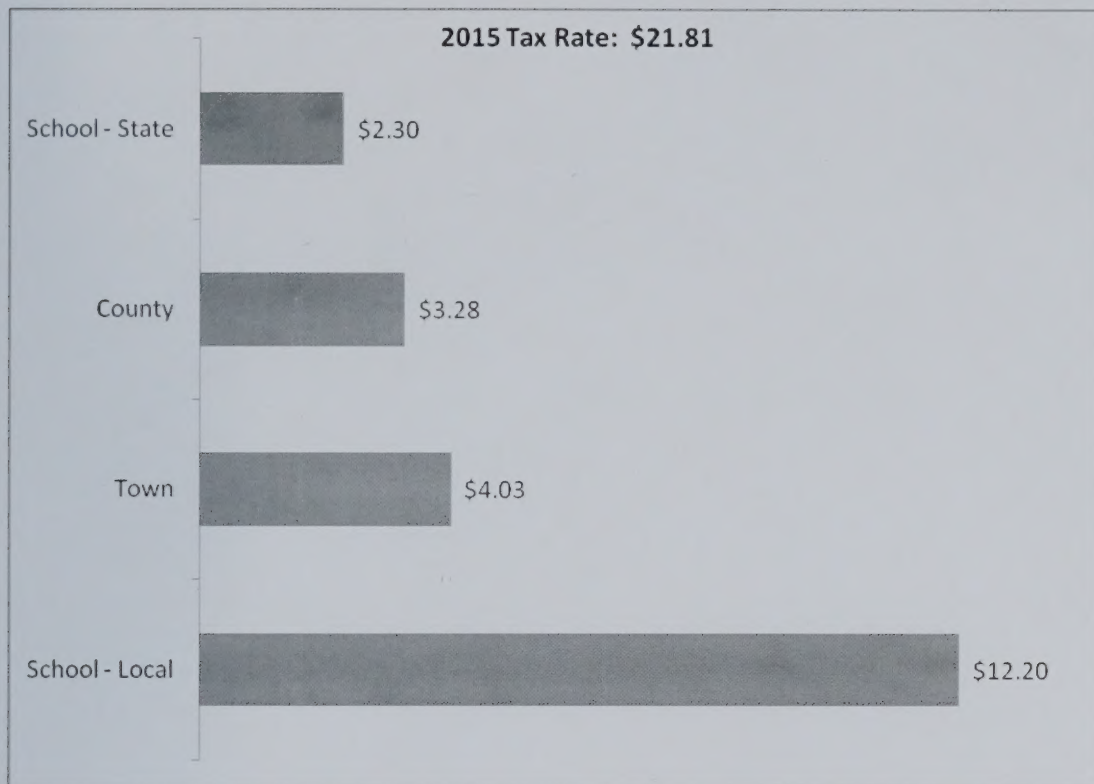
Budget Committee's & School Board's						
	BUDGET 2014-15	ACTUAL 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17	% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION						
Regular Elementary	\$140,600	\$143,551	\$141,281	\$152,059		
Athletic	\$2,900	\$2,530	\$2,900	\$2,900		
Field Trips	\$2,500	\$3,905	\$2,500	\$2,500		
TOTAL ELEMENTARY TRANSPORT.	\$146,000	\$149,986	\$146,681	\$157,459	7.35%	4.03%
STAFF SERVICES						
Student Loan Repay	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Criminal Record Check/ Staff Physicals	\$1,000	\$2,539	\$1,000	\$1,000		
TOTAL STAFF SERVICES	\$2,000	\$3,539	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%	0.05%
FUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Food Services	\$125,000	\$45,894	\$125,000	\$125,000		
Transfer to Federal Projects	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000		
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$16,500	\$16,094	\$15,000	\$0		
Transfer to Expendable Trust	\$26,858	\$26,858	\$26,130	\$0		
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$298,358	\$128,846	\$256,130	\$215,000	-16.06%	5.50%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUC.)	\$1,995,337	\$1,739,161	\$1,973,333	\$2,067,590	4.78%	52.87%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principle	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$83,000	\$125,000		
Bond Interest	\$8,957	\$8,956	\$11,700	\$18,150		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$93,957	\$93,956	\$94,700	\$143,150	51.16%	3.66%
SUBTOTAL (ELEM. INSTRUCTION PLUS DEBT SERVICE)	\$2,089,294	\$1,833,117	\$2,068,033	\$2,210,740	6.90%	56.53%



	Budget Committee's & School Board's				
	BUDGET 2014-15	ACTUAL 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17	% CHANGE % TOTAL BUDGET
<b>ELEMENTARY SPECIAL INSTRUCTION</b>					
Salaries	\$111,677	\$106,195	\$124,239	\$135,076	
Benefits	\$48,798	\$44,040	\$49,456	\$79,122	
Vision/Audiology/Purchased Service	\$2,500	\$2,340	\$3,938	\$3,938	
Supplies/Books/Equipment/Mileage	\$1,050	\$1,075	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Elementary/MS Out-of-District Tuition	\$83,000	\$79,010	\$83,000	\$85,000	
Pre-School Tuition	\$12,000	\$4,096	\$9,000	\$9,000	
Psychology	\$10,000	\$7,643	\$7,700	\$7,700	
Speech	\$47,200	\$46,575	\$48,700	\$50,800	
OT/ PT	\$30,720	\$27,093	\$30,720	\$30,720	
In-house Summer Program	\$2,444	\$1,335	\$2,477	\$2,478	
Elementary Special Transportation	\$25,000	\$16,215	\$13,500	\$13,500	
<b>TOTAL ELEM. SPEC. INSTRUCT.</b>	<b>\$374,389</b>	<b>\$335,615</b>	<b>\$374,730</b>	<b>\$419,334</b>	<b>11.90%</b> <b>10.72%</b>
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY COST</b>	<b>\$2,463,683</b>	<b>\$2,168,733</b>	<b>\$2,442,763</b>	<b>\$2,630,074</b>	<b>7.67%</b> <b>67.26%</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>					
<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTION TUITIONS</b>					
Keene High School (69 students @ \$12,692 [up from 60])	\$761,158	\$771,002	\$750,240	\$875,748	
<b>TOTAL REG HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS</b>	<b>\$761,158</b>	<b>\$771,002</b>	<b>\$750,240</b>	<b>\$875,748</b>	<b>16.73%</b> <b>22.39%</b>

	Budget Committee's & School Board's				% CHANGE	% TOTAL BUDGET
	BUDGET 2014-15	ACTUAL 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17		
TRANSPORTATION						
Regular - Keene High School	\$52,000	\$52,277	\$54,943	\$56,238		
TOTAL REG. HS TRANSPORT.	\$52,000	\$52,277	\$54,943	\$56,238	2.36%	1.44%
SUBTOTAL (REG. HIGH SCHOOL)	\$813,158	\$823,279	\$805,183	\$931,986	15.75%	23.83%
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION						
Keene High School Tuition (7 students @ \$26,130 [down from 8])	\$241,722	\$235,604	\$209,040	\$182,910	-12.50%	4.68%
High School Out-of-District	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Special Instr. Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL H.S. SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$241,722	\$235,604	\$209,040	\$182,910	-12.50%	4.68%
TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL COSTS	\$1,054,880	\$1,058,883	\$1,014,223	\$1,114,896	9.93%	28.51%
ADMINISTRATION						
SAU #29 - Westmoreland Share	\$179,155	\$179,155	\$167,090	\$165,502	-0.95%	4.23%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$3,697,718	\$3,406,771	\$3,624,076	\$3,910,472	7.90%	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,697,718	\$3,406,771	\$3,624,076	\$3,910,472	7.90%	100.00%





## NOTES





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